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*"And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach
there also: for therefore came I forth."* (Mark i. 38.)

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ORGANIZED 1878.

Mrs. D. H. McGAVOCK, Corresponding Secretary.

THE Woman's Missionary Society has just closed its first decade. The estimate placed upon the work, and its effect upon the missionary operations of the Church, are summed up in the strong, terse style of Bishop McTyeire, in the following letter, addressed to the Corresponding Secretary :

Let me congratulate you and your co-workers, and the whole Church, on the results of the first decade of the Woman's Board of Missions.

You have shown practical wisdom in the location of the fields to be occupied and in the selection of laborers. You have shown enterprise in raising funds, and economy in spending them. You have shown excellent administrative ability in the management of affairs, at home and abroad. Your periodical and leaflet literature has done more than to represent and promote the missionary interest of your Board; it has informed and quickened the whole Church on the subject of Missions. While your efforts at gathering funds have not lessened the income of the Parent Board, you have largely increased the general outfit and mission plant. The good cause has been gainer, and not the loser, at every point, by what your Board has done.

The gain in money has been more than a quarter of a million expended. The gain in Church and school and hospital buildings may be valued at \$150,000. The gain in laborers has been the introduction into the mission fields of pagan and non-protestant lands of some of the best laborers that ever were sent forth to claim the ends of the earth as the rightful heritage of our Lord Christ.

All this in ten years! It is evident that the Head of the Church accepts your offering. Be thankful, and take courage. Do what more you can. There is need for us all, and plenty of room.

Surely it was providential that your organization was correlated with the Parent Board in 1878. Now that the crisis of organizing and correlation is passed; now that ten years' experience is added to life-time love for souls and zeal for God, may we not expect to see greater things? I believe we shall see them.

Your brother and fellow-laborer in the kingdom of Christ,

H. N. McTYEIRE.

Since the Bishop has referred to the organization of the Society, it is not out of place at this time to give a little sketch of its beginning as matter of history.

A warm morning in the month of May, 1878, a handful of devoted women assembled in the First Church, Atlanta, Ga., to hear the action of the General Conference, then in session in that city, relative to woman's missionary work in the Foreign Mission fields. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized at that meeting. A number of these women had waited long and prayed earnestly for this consummation of their desires. With buoyant hearts, and on one purpose intent, they departed to their homes in distant States, without information, without rules, saving the few articles in the Constitution legalizing such effort, to begin the work of organizing, and laying broad and deep, firm and safe, the foundation of the superstructure designed by the Great Architect.

Southern women by education and training are eminently conservative. This movement was new—startling. Many stood aloof watching it, ready to seize upon any possible mistake or innovation of woman's prescribed sphere; but the leaven of the Holy Spirit was working silently, though surely, and at the close of the first year 218 societies, 5,890 members, \$4,014 were reported, and one missionary sent to China.

Each succeeding year has marked increase and development, until, looking across the seas to the East, to South America, and toward the Indians in the West, at the mission-schools, Christian homes, medical work, pupils gathered into Sunday-schools and churches, and pondering the salutary influence permeating heathen and non-protestant centers through these potent agencies of the Woman's Missionary Society, we are led to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" "O, how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that trust in thee before the sons of men."

We mark the tenth year of the Society with a white stone, on

which is inscribed, "Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts," and with humility and fresh courage press on, never doubting, never halting, until the last stronghold of the heathen world shall be won for Christ; and women shall come from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, bringing "many crowns," as seen in the apocalyptic vision, to place on the head of their King crowns into which are wrought their tears and prayers, their love and gifts. Till then we will

work on with him

In high companionship. So happiest!

Whoever fears God, fears to sit at ease.

HOME WORK.

The statistics presented show a gratifying increase over last year. Auxiliaries, 2,399; members, 56,783; besides life-members, honorary life-members, and life-patrons.

When Dora Rankin died the Society received a shock that aroused it to new activity. The call for more workers was promptly answered by a number of consecrated daughters. There was quickening of zeal and love manifested in a steady, forward movement throughout the year. The general observance of a special daily prayer-meeting, as recommended by the Board, including a week of self-denial with appropriate prayer service, was productive of rich spiritual results, and an increase in societies, members, and gifts.

The growth of the work is of secondary importance compared with the spirit of Missions that has been kindled in the hearts of not a few. Says Dr. Pierson: "A love of labor for souls will not suffice without the love for Christ and for souls, which is the life-secret of such labor; and while the spirit of Missions is lacking, no machinery will be adequate." We need this spirit to increase our gifts and enlarge our hearts.

For the heart grows rich in giving;

All its wealth is living grain;

Seeds which mildew in the garner,

Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

The young people and children especially have outrun their elders in zeal and enthusiasm, as shown in the marked increase of their societies. They evince a willingness to be taught, a ready reception of truth, simplicity of faith, and zeal founded in love. Their offerings are given with a cheerful, self-denying spirit worthy of emulation. Will the world ever rightly learn the lesson taught by Jesus when he "called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them?"

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Our people are learning the value of public and district meetings as a means of disseminating information and awakening interest, both within and without the societies.

Mite-boxes are more extensively used, and may be likened unto the "baskets" in which the fragments were gathered up "that nothing be lost." In working up the home field to supply the necessities of the foreign, let us adopt Wesley's motto: "All at it, and always at it."

Be sure no earnest work
Of any honest creature, howbeit weak,
Imperfect, ill-adapted, fails so much,
It is not gathered as a grain of sand
To enlarge the sum of human action used
For carrying out God's end.
Let us be content in work
To do the thing we can, and not presume
To fret because it's little.

LITERATURE.

Six thousand Annual Reports were ordered published by the Women's Board; these, with twenty thousand of the leaflet report, have been distributed.

Leaflets have grown to be so important a feature of the work, it is difficult to supply the demand. They scatter missionary facts, impart information, illustrate points and principles, and excite thought. Twenty-five new leaflets and twenty-four programmes for adult and juvenile societies have been issued the past year, making one million three hundred and seven thousand five hundred pages, an increase of one hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred pages over the preceding year.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham is the editor and publisher, and amid great physical weakness has been faithful and prompt in her duties, given entire satisfaction, and brought the Woman's Missionary Society under renewed obligations for her valued service.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE

Is the official organ of the Society, and the most direct medium of conveying information fresh from the field of our missionaries, and their work. The circulation is 12,000. It is self-sustaining, and a favorite among the Church journals. It is timely in this connection to quote a few words from Bishop McTyeire's letter: "Your periodical and leaflet literature has done more than represent and promote the missionary interest of your Society; it has informed and quickened the whole Church on the subject of Missions."

The *Advocate* is edited with ability by Mrs. F. A. Butler; office, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Miss N. E. Holding came home in May, 1887, to recruit her failing health, after four years of arduous work as Principal of Laredo Seminary, in Mexican Border Mission. She returned in October, greatly refreshed and strengthened. Miss Marcia Marvin was sent to Brazil in July, 1887, to serve in Piracicaba College. Mademoiselle Rennotte, who had been a successful teacher in the same for a number of years, returned and resumed work. In September, 1887, Miss Emma Kerr, Miss Lula Lipscomb, Miss Addie Gordon, Miss Bettie Hughes, and Miss Ada Reagan were sent to China.

FOREIGN WORK.

The Woman's Board has entered no new field, but the work has extended in China, Mexican Border, Brazil, and Indian Territory. The foreign work is represented by: Missionaries (one medical and one trained assistant), 22; teachers and assistants, 39; boarding-schools, 7; day-schools, 19; pupils, 871.

China.—The re-enforcements sent to this field the past year strengthened the hands and cheered the hearts of those who had through much suffering and toil held the posts of duty assigned them. Sickness and overstrain told heavily on that faithful band of brave workers. The two ladies who went out early in the spring were received as from the Lord, and warmly greeted with words that meant more to the tired, worn missionaries than we can fully comprehend. Said one: "You have come to save our lives." The development of the work, and its ever-widening circles, have absolved the laborers, and there is urgent call for further re-enforcements.

Mexican Border.—The work in this field has grown steadily, and now extends on both sides of the Rio Grande, with more invitation to enter wide-open doors than it is possible to accept.

Brazil.—In this Empire the year has been fraught with trials and successes. The old established work holds the favor of the people. The new is rising above difficulties, and, despite hinderances from government officials, is meeting a felt need. More helpers are a necessity, and must be sent at an early date.

Indian Territory.—The one large central institute at Muskogee has passed through a most prosperous year. Urgent request comes from it for enlargement of the building to accommodate many board-

ing-pupils from a distance, for whom application has been made, and there is no room.

All reports from the foreign fields are full of encouragement, and show progression in every department of work; schools overflowing, children and women gathered into Sunday-schools and Church services, and numbers have accepted the truth in Christ. As a Society we have prayed that our missionaries might "have an unction from the Holy One," and "be endued with power from on high," to gain access to "such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death;" we have prayed that these would hear and turn from idols to the living God. Our prayers have been signally blessed, and, looking with thanksgiving "to those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," let us press onward, assured that

Still thy love, O Christ arisen,
 Yearns to reach these souls in prison;
 Through all depths of sin and loss
 Drops the plummet of thy cross.
 Never yet abyss was found
 Deeper than that cross could sound.

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

CHINA.

Dr. Young J. Allen, who has under his supervision the work of the Woman's Board in China, presents it in the following forcible paper:

In your "Guide for Missionaries in the Foreign Fields" it is provided (paragraph 5) that, "Before sending annual reports, all missionaries and wives of missionaries working under the advice of the Woman's Board must have a meeting in the interest of the several branches of work, and forward the minutes of the meeting, with their annual reports, to be laid before the Board." In accordance with the above requirement, the second annual meeting of your representatives was held at Shanghai October 18-20, and herewith it is my privilege to submit the minutes of the same, together with the several reports of all your workers in this field. These will be found to be good reading, and profitable; and, as they are to be published, it is hoped they will be largely availed of to acquaint the Church with the operations of your Society, and enlist yet a larger number of the membership in active sympathy with the great work which is now already so auspiciously begun. A decade—only ten years—has elapsed since the organization of your Society; yet what a change, at home and abroad! But ten years ago only a few scattered individuals here

and there, at wide intervals apart, represented the interest the women of our Church had in the salvation of the heathen, while in the field only now and then the wife of a missionary found it practicable to undertake any active work. There was no united purpose at home, no organization, and consequently there could be none here. Every thing was desultory, disconnected, individual, and hence uncertain and short-lived. Our missionary operations were one-sided, crippled, restrained, and altogether unsatisfactory. We were debarred by public sentiment from any approach to the family. The women and children of China—fully two-thirds of this populous, million-souled Empire—were almost altogether beyond the reach of the gospel. A chasm yawned between us and them, and there seemed to be no hope, for meanwhile a similar public sentiment at home among the Christian Churches held our women there in a state of seclusion almost as deplorable. The chasm was atysmal. But in 1878, just ten years ago, a few timid women, questioning among themselves as did Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, ventured into the presence of the General Conference, asking recognition for themselves, and for a Society of similarly minded sisters. They were recognized. The formation of a Woman's Missionary Society was sanctioned, and it was organized. The stone was rolled away, and now what do we see? Behold! that chasm once so wide and abysmal, is spanned, and Jesus and the resurrection is the theme of Christian women in homes of the far-off heathen. The time had fully come, and we know not at which most to wonder—the development the Society at home or the progress of its work here. They are alike phenomenal, wonderful, and just in proportion as the Society at home shall increase and extend its interests and enlist the Church, its operations in the field will be extended; for the barriers are all giving way to abundant access to people, and public sentiment welcomes the work of woman for woman. The minutes and reports which accompany this bear ample testimony to the growth and extension of your work here, and it may not be needful to enter into details; but a few points might be emphasized—as, first, the organization of your work and its alliance with the work of the Parent Board. On this subject your last Annual Report (ninth) contained an expression of opinion by Bishop Wilson, which I would not have changed. To sum it all in one word, he said “Certainly it is the most wisely planned and effective method of working I have known.” Second, the next most remarkable feature is the growth of public sentiment in favor of female education. This fact is enabling us to greatly economize our labors and extend our work. This is accomplished (1) by reducing the number of pupils in the boarding-schools and; (2) a change in their character, making them strictly select training or normal schools; (3) by opening a proportionately larger number of day-schools. This last feature is one of the greatest possible importance, as (1) it will open to us hundreds of families, (2) increase our Sunday-schools, (3) give a valuable outlet to the boarding-schools, whose trained teachers will thus be made useful. But that is not all the more liberal sentiment is doing for us. It also promises to introduce into our schools the more respectable classes of girls and boys, and make this department of our work partially self-sustaining. Not only so; it promises, as has just been the case in Kading, to lead to important and influential openings where hitherto but little access to the people has been found possible.

Third, another point worthy of special mention is the esteem and respect in which the lady missionaries are held not only among the lower, but also by the more respectable classes. This is particularly manifest in the Anglo-Chinese college, where your lady teachers are always spoken of with affection and respect; more markedly shown in the fact that the young men in that institution have elected one of the lady teachers to be President of their temperance society and preside over and conduct their meetings; but perhaps more markedly in the case of Miss Rankin, who has been invited by the *literati* of Kading to establish an Anglo-Chinese school in their midst, which she proposes to do if the step be sanctioned by the Woman's Board, as of course it will be. Hitherto we have located our work in the midst of the people without consulting them. We have made our selections arbitrarily as they might seem to suit us as centers of action; but in the present instance Miss Rankin has undertaken the work by invitation and request of responsible parties, and it is desirable that she should hold the fort till re-enforcements can arrive. This she is now bravely essaying to do, meanwhile looking anxiously as a beleaguered army for succor from afar. This will surely come, and I have bid her be patient and brave. The above are only a few evidences, but they are startling ones, of the influence your work and workers are gaining in China.

The equipment of your work, as originally planned, is now almost altogether provided for as to money, and the respective buildings will soon be ready for occupation. The Hospital is finished, and the Home and School, it is hoped, will be ready by next winter. In this connection it may be proper to say that the sum originally asked for was *twenty-five thousand dollars gold*, whereas the amount sent was only twenty-five thousand Mexican dollars, equivalent to only about \$20,000 in gold—a large difference; but nothing was said about it at the time, as re-enforcements were so urgently needed. With some slight modifications of plans it is now hoped to carry out the work if only, say, some one thousand two hundred dollars gold be added to the amount in hand for building purposes. This amount accordingly has been placed on the list of estimates.

Another point of special interest just now is the necessity of furnishing the respective homes of the ladies with a suitable outfit. Hence, this item has been introduced into the list of estimates. There is nothing more needful for your workers in the foreign field than home comforts, such as are now contemplated, and a mere mention of this need, I take it, is all that is necessary to secure what is desired.

The health of your missionaries during the past year has been fairly good, but we are still admonished by the strain on them, and its ill effects on some, that larger re-enforcements are imperatively needed—(1) for purposes of relief, and (2) that the work may more nearly keep pace with its openings and opportunities. The seven ladies so promptly dispatched, two of whom arrived early in the year, found places already awaiting their coming, and they have fitted into them both acceptably and effectively; yet there is still need, and if the Board sanction the advance on Kading, and the opening of work there, at least two new missionaries will be required to sustain the work there, and re-enforce Nantziang.

The Davidson Memorial School for training Bible-women it is proposed to

open at an early date, and Mrs. Campbell, who arrived last April, is now making all due haste to be prepared to take charge of it. For statistics and other details, etc., please see reports herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG J. ALLEN, *Superintendent.*

The Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting of the Missionaries of the Woman's Board of Missions in China give a clear insight into their methods, and should be read by all:

FIRST DAY.

The opening session of the Second Annual Meeting was held at Trinity Home, Shanghai, on Tuesday, October 18, 1887, at 3 P.M., Dr. Y. J. Allen, Superintendent, in the chair.

The introductory prayer-service was led by the Superintendent, after which the meeting was called to order. The roll was called. Six members—namely, Misses Haygood, Muse, Hamilton, Roberts, Atkinson, and Mrs. Campbell—responded. The absence of Miss Rankin and Dr. Philips was regretted, the latter being detained from the meeting by serious trouble with her knee. Miss Philips was belated by wind and tide.

The first thing before the meeting was the election of a Recording Secretary, and it being the general wish of the meeting that Miss Philips should be re-elected, if she would consent to serve, it was thought best to elect a Secretary *pro tem.*

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee on Drawing up Resolutions in Memory of Miss Dora Rankin.—Miss Roberts, Miss Philips, Miss Haygood.

Committee on Auditing Books.—Miss Hamilton, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Campbell.

It was decided to refer the discussion and adoption of the "Course of Study for New Missionaries" to the meeting acting as committee of the whole.

After discussion, the following programme was adopted:

Second Day.—Morning session, reports of workers; afternoon session, discussion and adoption of a course of study for new missionaries.

Third Day.—Morning session, discussion of estimates; afternoon session, reports of committees.

The daily order of exercises was fixed as follows: Daily morning sessions, 9:30–12; afternoon session, 2–4; each session to be opened and closed with religious services.

On motion of Miss Haygood, the Secretary was instructed to write an invitation to the several members of the Mission present in Shanghai, to attend the different sessions of the meeting, and inclose programme to each.

The meeting adjourned with the doxology and the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

On Wednesday, October 19, at 9:30 A.M., the ladies assembled for the transaction of business. After devotional exercises, the Superintendent called the meeting to order, and business was taken up. Seven members were present at roll-call.

On motion, Miss Philips was elected Secretary.

The minutes of the first session were read, amended, and approved.

The order of business for the morning session being reports from the workers, they were accordingly taken up.

Miss Haygood read a report of the work in the Shanghai District, which was listened to with much pleasure by the meeting. It was a pleasing revelation of how, in the face of sickness and consequent interruptions, the spirit that by love is willing to serve anywhere and in any way can rule to the exclusion of all friction, and to a degree of success in the work that else would have been impossible. The report was a full and satisfying statement of the work, in its history, outlook, and cost.

Miss Muse gave a clear-cut sketch of life in Clopton School for the past year, taking those present with her through the joys and sorrows which had visited the school, and causing them to feel that theirs had been a year fruitful alike to teacher and to pupils.

Miss Atkinson, continuing the report of special work in the Shanghai District, said her first work for the year had been the charge of a music class in Clopton School, and afterward teaching in the Anglo-Chinese College during the spring term, and employing every winning device at her command to gain the confidence of the boys and win them to the Christian faith; but that lastly she had been giving her entire time to day-school work.

Miss Hamilton's report took the meeting to first one scene of trial and effort and then to another, but ever left the impression of much hard work done, and of only the desire and expectation of more to follow.

Mrs. Campbell's modest oral report of her first five months in the field was considered by the meeting to do but poor justice to her work, whether that work was her faithful study of the language or her efforts in behalf of her music class and the general good.

In the absence of Miss Rankin, her report was read by the Secretary—a report telling of the taking up of the work intrusted by the Woman's Board and bearing it forward in the face of a great loss and an incisive sorrow. There was not one present who felt not a throe of sympathy for her who had been so sorely bereaved. The report told of a strangely opened door in Kading immediately succeeding the week of prayer and self-denial, and also of advancement in all departments of the Nantziang work.

Miss Roberts's report showed an amount of work accomplished which, in view of the fact that she had been in the field but five months, must have taxed strength and courage to achieve.

Miss Philips reported on the school-work and prospects in Soochow, and also on the work among women.

Dr. Philips's report was, at her request, deferred until next morning session.

Dr. Allen read the statistics of the general work within the bounds of the Conference, which were presented to that body at its late session. They were encouraging, and the meeting was pleased to hear them, as also to hear that the work of the representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society had been most highly spoken of by that body.

The superintendent spoke at some length of the relations of the lady worker to the Anglo-Chinese work; of lingering prejudices which it was to be hoped would soon pass away; and also of the influence, strong and unique, which they frequently obtained over their pupils.

As illustrating this, he spoke of the members of a recently organized society in the Anglo-Chinese College requesting Miss Hamilton to be their President.

Miss Haygood offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

"Whereas it has been shown by the reports from the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in China, this morning presented, that the re-enforcements, including those yet to arrive, which have this year been sent to China are scarcely sufficient to man existing work ; and whereas there are open doors all about us inviting us to new work full of promise ; therefore,

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this meeting to present to the Woman's Board of Missions, and through them to the Church, an earnest appeal for additional workers during the next year."

The meeting, in accordance with the same, appointed Miss Haygood, Miss Roberts, and Miss Philips a Committee on Appeal for Re-enforcements.

The superintendent suggested that the Committee also be instructed to present to the Board a plan for bringing the work in China, as shown in the Annual Reports, more fully and more promptly before the Home Church.

The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the meeting adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 P.M. the introductory devotional exercises were held. At 2:30 the regular business was taken up, the Superintendent in the chair.

The roll was called and the minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The statistical report of the Nantziang work, which had been overlooked in the reading of the general report, was read by the Secretary.

The business of the afternoon session being the adoption of a course of study for new missionaries, and there having been found at the first annual meeting a difference of opinion as to what was most advisable, Miss Haygood suggested as preliminary to the discussion, and as possibly simplifying matters, that a statement of her views be given by each worker. The Superintendent, in accordance with the same, called upon each, beginning with those who had been for the shortest while in the field.

Mrs. Campbell said she had no data for comparison, as she had studied only the Romanized.

Miss Roberts thought the study of classical Chinese the more rapid method of obtaining a pure colloquial ; and Miss Hamilton expressed herself as having likewise been favorably impressed with the study of the classical Chinese as a means of obtaining the spoken language.

Miss Atkinson said that as she had studied only the colloquial with the character, she had no data of difference.

Miss Philips thought the study of a language "as she's spoke" the natural method of learning to use it. Miss Haygood, agreeing in this view, favored a first year's course in the colloquial by the use of either the character or the Romanized.

Miss Muse, while advising a course in ven-li for those who were to be teachers, nevertheless approved of a course in the colloquial as a foundation.

Rev. C. F. Reid being present, by request favored the meeting with his ex-

perience and views. He said the Chinese language might be spoken of as a sphere, and therefore without end, and also difficult to say at what point a beginning might be most advantageously made; but that on the whole he would recommend that a course for beginners should be in the colloquial and with the use of the character.

Dr. Allen spoke at some length as to the objects to be attained by a course of study and the best methods for the accomplishment of the same. As to objects to be attained, he should say they were—first, the ability to use the spoken language with effectiveness; and second, the power to read the books most used in our work; and then, opportunity serving, a more general course and advanced scholarship for such as had the strength. He then submitted the course prepared by the China Mission Conference for its new missionaries as a basis of selection.

After discussion, the question as to whether the four Gospels should be adopted as a part of the course of study for the first year was put to the meeting and carried; following which, twenty-five hymns (selection optional and to be used either in the Romanized or in the colloquial character), the Ritual of the Church as used in the administration of the Sacraments of the Lord's-supper and Baptism, the Christian "Three Character Classic," Smith's "Catechism of the Life of Jesus," and the "Catechism of the True Doctrine," were separately voted on and adopted as a part of the first year's course.

The course was then adopted as a whole, as follows:

Course of Study.—First Year: "Three Character Classic;" Smith's "Catechism of the Life of Jesus;" "Catechism of the True Doctrine;" twenty-five hymns, selection optional, and to be read in either the character or Romanized; the Ritual of the M. E. Church, South, as used in the administration of the sacraments of the Supper of the Lord and Baptism; Mathew, Mark, Luke, John (colloquial character).

As helps and reference books in the acquisition of the language, the following were recommended: Williams's "Syllabic Dictionary," Edkin's "Vocabulary of the Shanghai Dialect," Yates's "Conversations," "Analytical Vocabulary of the Mandarin Dialect" (China Island Mission).

On motion of Miss Muse, the session was extended to allow time for the discussion and adoption of an English course of reading on China and the Chinese. The books adopted were as follows:

English Course of Reading.—"China's Spiritual Needs and Claims" (Dr. Hudson Taylor), "Child Life in Chinese Homes" (Mrs. Bryson), "Confucianism" (Douglas), with which, although not required for examination, it was recommended that the missionaries should make themselves familiar.

Miss Muse offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

"Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Woman's Board, now present, pledge ourselves to adopt the course of study recommended by this meeting, and unless providentially hindered, to present ourselves at the appointed time and place for examination in the same."

The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

At 9:30 A.M. the ladies met for the morning session. A Scripture lesson

was read by Dr. Allen, after which the meeting was led in prayer by Mrs. Campbell; the Superintendent in the chair, the roll was called, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, corrected, and approved.

Dr. Philips's report of the medical work which, owing to her sickness, had been deferred, was read by the Secretary. The statistics were encouraging, showing a large number of patients to have been treated, considering the time which had elapsed since the opening of the Dispensary and wards. Also a number of operations were reported as having been successfully performed. The report closed with the expression of an earnest desire that still another lady might be sent to join the two now under appointment for medical work, making one for Nantziang and two more for the Soochow Hospital.

The consideration of estimates being the order of business for the session, and there having long been some misunderstanding in consequence of their being made in United States currency and paid in Mexican, and it being the general wish that hereafter there be left no place for confusion by the adoption throughout of the United States currency, the following was offered:

"Resolved, That all estimates for the work in China under the care of the Woman's Board of Missions, for the year 1888-9, be made upon a gold basis, that the Church at home may know the cost of the work in United States currency.

LAURA A. HAYGOOD,
J. P. CAMPBELL."

The estimates for the Shanghai District for 1888-9 were then submitted by Miss Haygood.

These, after being acted on by items, were granted as a whole.

Miss Philips next submitted the estimates for the Soochow work for 1888-9.

The same, after first being allowed by items, were granted as a whole.

Miss Rankin and Miss Roberts submitted the Nantziang and Kading work for 1888-9.

The same, being put before the meeting, were granted severally and as a whole.

Miss Haygood moved that the afternoon session commence at 3 o'clock, in order to give time for the committees to get their reports ready—as in view of the departure of the Superintendent for the United States on the morrow, it would be necessary to complete all work before the meeting at the afternoon session. After further consultation it was decided to meet at 5 P.M. The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

Afternoon Session.

The Superintendent, in the chair, led the devotional exercises; following which business was taken up by reading, amending, and adopting the minutes of the last meeting.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of her who had "fallen asleep" since the last annual meeting, brought in a report through its chairman, Miss Haygood, showing the spirit of appreciation in which the departed was held within the borders of the China Mission.

It was adopted, as follows:

"To some of us, perhaps, there will be no memory of our lives more abiding than that of the emotions which filled our hearts when, upon coming together for our annual meeting last year, we looked into the face of Miss Dora Rankin, pale and worn with suffering, yet strong and brave with the heroism that made her ready to die at the post of duty, and for the cause to which she had given her life. Sickness and death had until that time, to most of us, seemed very far from her brave, young life, and our hearts were awed into a strange stillness before God as we saw these shadows gathering about her. Then with earnest entreaties we prayed that this cup might pass from us, and that the life so rich already in its fruits, so fair in its promise for the years to come, might be spared to the hearts that so loved her and to the work that so needed her, if it could be in accordance with our Father's will. Then, as the sorrowful days passed on, and we learned around her bed new lessons of the power and willingness of the God of all comfort and the God of all strength to keep his children in their times of need, our hearts were filled with a strange gratitude that thus through her and through our sorrow he was leading us to a deeper trust in his goodness and a surer rest in his love. And when at last, with quivering hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, we saw her enter the grave's dark portal, her unflinching faith so veiled it with radiant glory that we felt that it was indeed the very gate of heaven.

"It is not fitting that here we should speak at length of her life, but we may be allowed to say a few words of her work in China.

"Coming at the early age of eighteen years to an interior town in China, she began a work among a people who had not only a bitter prejudice against all foreigners, but the impression which had been handed down from generation to generation that woman is in every way an inferior being. In the midst of all these opposing elements, she opened a school for Chinese boys of the better class. In the seven short years which she was permitted to give to the work she won to such an extent the confidence and respect of the people that at the time of her death the school numbered sixty pupils. Though the faithful teacher received the summons to 'come up higher' and has entered 'upon the joys of her Lord,' her work has not ceased. Her memory is to-day a mighty power for good among the pupils who were her special care, and the beautiful life that by the grace of God she lived among them has left an influence, the extent of which only the light of eternity can reveal.

"We, her fellow-workers, now assembled in annual meeting, in loving memory of her life and work, wish to express:

"1. Our deep sense of personal loss in the removal from our midst of one so dear to our hearts, and so fitted by God's gifts to her as a woman and her own faithful preparation, through years of patient toil and study, for the work to which we have been called.

"2. Our deep sense of loss to the work, which she had organized so beautifully and carried on so successfully, amidst obstacles which to a zeal less ardent and a faith less implicit would have seemed insurmountable.

"3. Our profound gratitude to God for her life and for her work, and that these are immortal.

"4. Our grateful recognition that through her death God has moved the heart of the Church at home to a greater zeal and deeper love for the cause of

Missions, and has called from its midst so many earnest hearts to take up and carry on the work that has fallen from her hands.

"5. Our abiding and tender sympathy with the beloved and loving sister who sorrows in the desolate home at Nantziang, and with the dear mother and the brothers and sisters in the home land who weep with her.

LAURA A. HAYGOOD,

LOU E. PHILIPS,

KATE R. ROBERTS,

Committee.

"Shanghai, October 20, 1887."

Miss Muse offered the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That we adopt the memorial as read ; that it be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting ; that copies be furnished Miss Rankin and her mother, and also that a copy be sent to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* for publication."

The Auditing Committee reported through Mrs. Campbell to the effect that the books of Rev. W. B. Bonnell and Misses Haygood, Rankin, and Philips had been carefully examined and found correct, but that from lack of time it had been impossible to finish Dr. Philips's.

On motion of Miss Haygood, an extension of time was granted the committee ; and Miss Roberts, being obliged to leave at once for Nantziang, was discharged, and Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Hamilton authorized to complete the work.

The Committee on Text-books offered the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That we do not wish to make any changes in the course of study adopted last year, but that we wish to ask that Miss Rankin be requested to take the chairmanship of the committee made vacant by the death of Miss Dora Rankin.

ANNA J. MUSE,

LOU E. PHILIPS."

The Committee on Appeal for Re-enforcements brought in the following, which was adopted :

"The committee feel that no stronger appeal for help can be made than the presentation of these reports. While our hearts are full of gratitude for all that God has this year done for China, through the instrumentality of our Board ; yet, having considered the great needs of the work and the fact that the ladies who will reach us next week will scarcely be sufficient to provide for the pressing wants of the work already in hand, we beg most earnestly and most respectfully to call the attention of the Board to the fact that we are still unable to enter the open doors that we see on every hand, or to press forward into the regions beyond. We must have help. Not for ourselves would we ask it, for whatever our number may be we will work to the full extent of time and strength ; but we would plead for a force sufficient to carry on efficiently the work already begun, and to follow out plans already laid for its extension and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom among this 'people who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.'

"Respectfully submitted.

KATE R. ROBERTS,

LAURA A. HAYGOOD,

LOU E. PHILIPS,

Committee."

The following resolutions were offered and adopted :

"1. *Resolved*, That whereas our efficient and devoted Superintendent, Dr. Allen, is on the eve of leaving China for a visit to America, therefore that we, the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in China, assembled in annual meeting, do hereby make grateful acknowledgment of the ready help, the unfailing sympathy, the cheering encouragement which we have received from him at all times and in every department of our work, when there was need for judicious counsel and matured experience.

"2. That we earnestly request the Woman's Board of Missions and the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society to give him every opportunity possible during his stay at home for presenting our work, its needs and its opportunities, to the women of the Church at home.

"3. That we request Dr. Allen, unless providentially called to an earlier return, to attend the next Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, and to bring before them as a body the work under their care in China.

"4. That we unite our prayers for the Church at home, that they may be prepared to receive his message, and for him that he may come to them 'in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.'

J. P. CAMPBELL,
ANNA J. MUSE."

Dr. Allen spoke in a few words of his appreciation and also of his more than willingness to serve in any way the Woman's Board or its representatives.

The following was offered, and unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, That we offer a vote of thanks to our esteemed Treasurer, Professor Bonnell, for his efficient services in managing our finances.

DONA HAMILTON,
KATE R. ROBERTS."

Professor Bonnell responded with thanks and assurances of hearty sympathy with the work of the Woman's Board, as represented in China, and of his willingness to continue to serve the same.

Miss Haygood presented the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That W. B. Bonnell be requested to continue to act as Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions in China."

Miss Philips presented the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That we will, in company with the Woman's Missionary Society at home, observe the week preceding Christmas as a week of prayer and self-denial."

The following was read by the Secretary, and adopted :

"*Resolved*, That, whereas the Woman's Board of Missions, 'impressed with the need of a spirit of deeper consecration and of more self-denial, to the intent that offerings to Missions may be increased in number and amount;' and whereas the Parent Board has assessed our Conference \$700 for the present year, it being treble the amount asked of us last year, that we, the representatives of the Woman's Board here present, will do our part as far as in us lies to meet the hope entertained of our Conference.

LOU E. PHILIPS,
LAURA A. HAYGOOD,
JENNIE M. ATKINSON."

After a few closing remarks the Superintendent read the

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1887-8.

Shanghai.—Miss Laura A. Haygood, in charge; Miss Muse, Clopton School; Miss Atkinson, day-schools; Mrs. Campbell, work among women; Miss Hughes, day-schools; Miss Hamilton, Anglo-Chinese College; Miss Lipscomb, Anglo-Chinese College.

Nantziang.—Miss Lochie Rankin, in charge, Pleasant College and work at Kading also under her supervision; Miss Roberts, Anglo-Chinese School; Miss Reagan, day-school work at Nantziang.

Soochow.—Miss Lou Philips, in charge, boarding and day schools also under her supervision; Miss A. Gordon, day-schools; Dr. Philips, hospital; Miss Kerr, assistant in hospital.

Miss Haygood, Miss Rankin, and Miss Philips, executive committee of consultation, to which is to be referred in the absence of the Superintendent any matters concerning the general work.

Prayer was offered, the doxology sung, the benediction pronounced, and the Second Annual Meeting stood adjourned.

Y. J. ALLEN, *President.*

LOU E. PHILIPS, *Recording Secretary.*

SHANGHAI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LAURA HAYGOOD,

MISS ANNA J. MUSE,

MISS DONA HAMILTON,

MISS JENNIE M. ATKINSON,

MRS. JOSIE P. CAMPBELL,

MISS LULA H. LIPSCOMB,

MISS BETTIE HUGHES.

The work in this city is under the charge of Miss Haygood. It is well organized, and in healthful condition, as the reports from the different workers show. Plans for the Home and School are perfected, and the work of building will begin in the spring (dependent on contingencies).

The protracted ill-health of Miss Haygood has been a source of grief to all, and a great trial of her patience and faith, neither of which has weakened. In her service of patient waiting her heart has been strengthened, and she begs not to be called home, she with her physicians hoping for recuperation in that climate. Notwithstanding providential hinderances, the work in Shanghai has grown until there is a call for more workers. The report of Miss Haygood gives the status:

In God's providence the work in Shanghai under the care of the Woman's Board of Missions has been during the year ending September 30, 1887, subjected to many limitations and restrictions. In the first month of the Mission year all the workers except Miss Muse were withdrawn from the field. Miss Hamilton was called to duties elsewhere, and Miss Atkinson and I, by the ad-

vice of our physician, left Shanghai in search of health. A special dispensation of strength seemed to be given to Miss Muse for the special need. Her own duties in Clopton School were quite sufficient to fill her heart and hands with work, but in addition she found time to look after the more pressing wants of the day-schools and to keep in hand the various interests of our work here.

In the latter part of October Miss Hamilton, returning to Shanghai, in addition to her duties in the Anglo-Chinese College, took charge of Day-schools Nos. 9 and 10. In February, upon her return to Nantzian, Miss Atkinson took up and carried on her work both in the college and in the day-schools. These ladies will report more fully concerning the work under their care during the year.

To the remaining nine day-schools I have given such attention as has been possible, assisted by Miss Muse even beyond her strength, as I have been obliged again and again, by God's appointment, to turn aside from all work. During April and May, and again during August and September, I was, by order of my physician, away from Shanghai. In the spring the general care of the work devolved upon Miss Muse. I wish, however, to gratefully record that Mr. Reid, during my absence at that time, most kindly rendered valuable assistance by taking charge of Day-schools Nos. 6, 8, and 11.

In April our hearts were all made very glad by the coming to our home and work of Mrs. Campbell. Within two or three weeks after her arrival her willing hands had found work in taking from Miss Atkinson the music pupils of Clopton School and leaving her free for additional work in the day-schools.

At the beginning of the summer vacation of Clopton School Miss Muse accompanied me to Chefoo, and was detained there by my illness until the middle of September. Clopton School was, however, duly opened at the time appointed, September 9, by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Atkinson, the pupils entering at once upon their regular duties. In the meantime Miss Atkinson had been relieved from work in the Anglo-Chinese College, and has since Miss Muse's return given her entire time to the day-schools.

My heart is filled with deepest gratitude for the spirit of harmony and ready co-operation which God has given to us in our work throughout the year. This has made the work to each of us *ours*, and not *mine*, and has saved the schools from much of the friction and derangement that would have otherwise been inevitable with such frequent changes of administration. Every worker in Shanghai has been not only willing, but anxious, as far as in her lay, to help every other worker in times of need, and to do all that was possible to her to conserve and forward the work as a whole.

Of the results of the year's work I find it very difficult to speak. In

CLOPTON SCHOOL

they have been most satisfactory; an encouraging advance on those of the two preceding years, during which the school has been under my care. Of the work in detail, Miss Muse will report, but I may be permitted to testify to the unflagging zeal and untiring devotion with which she has given herself to the school during the year, in addition to her duties as teacher, nursing the pupils when sick, superintending their domestic work, and the making of their clothes, carrying them always in her heart and mind, sorrowing over their

weaknesses, and rejoicing in every token for good that she has found in them. Such work can not be in vain.

In the

DAY-SCHOOLS

there has been during the year an enrollment of two hundred and eighty-four pupils—one hundred and ninety-one girls and ninety-three boys. The average daily attendance has been about two hundred. The schools have been in session eleven months of the year, though during August there was only a morning session daily. As formerly, about half the day has been given regularly in every school to the study of Christian books. This seed-planting has been done in hope, and with many prayers, but we have not been able to cultivate as we wished and planned the fields thus prepared. We still pray that watered by the dews of the Holy Spirit, the seed may spring up and bring forth fruit in many hearts.

At the close of the half-year ending July 28 the annual examination of the schools was held, conducted by a committee of Chinese teachers in my presence, the exercises continuing through a week. In some of the schools I found very delightful evidence of diligence and fidelity upon the part of teachers and scholars; in others there was equally as strong proof that the schools had sadly needed closer foreign supervision than it had been possible for us to give. Most of our native teachers are not yet able to do the best work without frequent visits of admonition, instruction, and encouragement. We are looking forward hopefully to the time when every four schools may receive the individual attention of a foreign teacher. We can not meet the measure of our opportunity in connection with the day-schools until such oversight is possible.

The examination confirmed the impression of several preceding months in regard to the inefficiency of the teacher of School No. 11, and in August I discontinued that school until I can open it under more favorable auspices. While the other ten schools are far from being all that we wish, there is much in them for which we thank God, and which will lead us to earnest and hopeful prosecution of this part of our work.

At the close of the examination the schools were all assembled at Trinity Church. A number of foreign and Chinese friends were present, and an hour or two passed delightfully while we listened to songs and the recitation of Bible verses by the schools and short, pleasant talks from Dr. Allen, Mr. Reid, Mr. Loehr, and Mr. Sz, the native pastor. The children, after receiving the annual treat of fruits and cakes, were dismissed to their homes with bright faces and happy hearts.

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

have continued to be to us centers of interest and hope and joy. At Trinity Church we have had as many as two hundred and fifty-six present at one time, though the average attendance is only about two hundred. Except two adult classes, one for men and one for women, the Sunday-school is composed almost exclusively of the pupils of our schools. The children always remain through the morning service, and so are being trained to the observance of the Sabbath and attendance upon the worship of God.

The Sunday-school in the Street Chapel, in the rear of the Anglo-Chinese

College, conducted at the beginning of the year by Mr. Loehr and Miss Hamilton, has been continued by Dr. Allen and Miss Atkinson, to the profit and pleasure of Schools Nos. 9 and 10. There has been an average attendance of about forty pupils at this school.

OF WOMAN'S WORK.

I am profoundly sorry that I have so little to report. It has been impossible during the year to do the work for mothers and families that we had hoped and planned. Our hearts have ached more than we can tell you, as again and again, in physical weakness, we have been obliged to turn away from open doors. We have only found comfort in the thought that the weakness and the waiting have been appointed for us by our heavenly Father, who surely loves these women and children more than we love them, and cares more truly for their salvation than we can care. "His thoughts are not our thoughts, and his ways are not our ways." We confidently believe that when we are ready he will let us go forward with this work; or that, in his own good time, he will raise up others to do it. *We trust him for it*, as we do for just that measure of health and strength that is truly best for us, and for that part of his work which he has committed to us.

NEW WORK.

The demands of existing work, the small force of workers, the frequent illnesses of some of us, have seemed clear indications that it was not God's time for us to enter upon new work. We are hoping that during the year upon which we have just entered both the Home and School and the Memorial School for Bible-women may be built, and the work of which they are to be the centers may be opened. It must be evident to all, however, that the reinforcements that have come to our workers in Shanghai this year are scarcely sufficient for the full development of existing work. We must still call upon the Church at home for other laborers before we can enter upon new fields, though now, indeed, they are white to the harvest.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—CLOPTON SCHOOL.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer.....	\$800 00
From native patrons.....	12 25
From other sources.....	18 58
Total.....	\$830 83

Expenses.

For native teachers' salaries.....	\$108 00
For wages.....	93 82
For food.....	284 79
For clothing.....	52 28
For other expenses.....	247 90
Total.....	\$786 79
Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer.....	44 04
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	\$830 83

DAY-SCHOOL.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer.....	\$1,150 00
From other sources	13 72
Total.....	\$1,163 72

Expenses.

For native teachers' salaries.....	\$ 724 00
For rents.....	276 38
For books and furniture.....	14 43
For incidentals.....	97 01
Total	\$1,111 82
Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer.....	51 90
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	\$1,163 72

CONTINGENT FUND.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer.....	\$ 350 00
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Expenses.

For repairs.....	\$ 26 45
For taxes (Trinity premises).....	20 33
For printing.....	4 90
Total.....	\$ 51 68
Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer.....	298 32
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	\$ 350 00

FROM MISS MUSE.

Except the departments of finance and music, Clópton School has been my special charge during the year beginning October 1, 1886, and ending September 30, 1887.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty-one pupils in attendance. In January one of the little ones died; and when school closed for the winter vacation an older girl who was in on trial was withdrawn. Hence, for the past term the number has been only nineteen, but it is my intention to receive another at an early day. There are a number of applicants, and if we receive all who wish to come we could rapidly enlarge the school. But it is our purpose to keep the number at about twenty, and we use great care in the selection of new pupils.

At times during the year I have been greatly troubled that the conduct of some of the girls has not been all that I wished. But as I realize more fully the natural defects incident to childhood and early youth, and, more than all else, the great darkness by which they have been surrounded in their homes, I feel that I may say that the deportment of the school has been good. I have been particularly pleased with the marked growth manifested in some of the older girls; and, while there have been faults in the past, I am full of hope that another year may witness great improvement. Many of them are loving and lovable girls, and more than one heart among them has turned to Him who alone can supply all our deficiencies.

The general health of the school has not been as good as in the past. There

have been four severe cases of illness, one of which terminated in death, and a large number of minor complaints, some of which were contracted while the pupils were at home during the vacations. The little one who was taken away contracted small-pox in a violent form from one of the day-school children. She was about eight years old, had been in the school only a few months, and was in many respects an unusual child. Her fortitude when in pain, and her ready yielding to all forms of treatment, would have been commendable in a much older and more enlightened person. Her death, though a sorrow to us, did not make us anxious. We felt that when she left us she went straight to the arms of Jesus, and that his name was more sweet and less strange to her for the few short months it had been our privilege to teach her of him.

The work of the pupils consists in making all their clothes, shoes, and stockings, house-work, cooking, and washing, and, when there is occasion, assisting me in the care of the sick. Each of the older girls has the care of one of the younger, and is responsible for her daily tidiness and for the weekly mending of her clothes. They also assist them with their lessons and needle-work. All the sewing is done by the pupils, and a large part of the cutting. Each girl who is old enough does her own washing, and assists in the cooking in regular succession. The house-work is also done by them, except the heaviest parts. A large proportion of their time is spent in studying, and I think they do as much work, of every sort, as is good for their health. The majority of them are more fond of work of any description than books, and hail with delight the day for a general cleaning, and will work long and patiently to finish a pair of shoes or a garment, if there is special need.

Their studies with the native teachers have been conducted on the same general plan as formerly, but the examination in July gave evidence of increased diligence on the part of both teachers and pupils. The progress of the music pupils has been very satisfactory, and there is nothing in which they take more pleasure. I believe that the organ is a real means of grace to them.

Their religious studies have been conducted chiefly by myself. They daily memorize portions of Scripture in the colloquial, have lessons in Old Testament Bible History, commit hymns to memory, have daily readings in the New Testament, both colloquial and ven-li, with explanations and questions. The readings in ven-li are conducted by the native teacher. The *International Lesson Papers* are used, and great care is exercised in the preparation of the weekly lesson. During the year ten of the girls applied for Church-membership. Of these, seven were admitted in July, but we thought it best that the three remaining be kept on trial awhile longer. Of the seven received, four had been baptized in infancy.

There has been one betrothal during the year. The girl is about sixteen years old, is a Christian, and possesses decided ability. The man also is a Christian, member of the Baptist Church, and is employed by Miss Haygood as teacher of one of the day-schools. The marriage will not take place for several years yet.

Several months ago Miss Haygood, being authorized by the Superintendent to spend a portion of a special fund belonging to the Clopton School in refurnishing the school-room, ordered a set of new desks. They were very

much needed, and add greatly not only to the good appearance, but also to the good order of the school-room.

In closing my report, I wish to express my hearty thanks to Miss Haygood, Mrs. Campbell, and Miss Atkinson for assistance often rendered, particularly in the care of the sick, and in taking charge of the school during my unavoidable absences.

FROM MISS HAMILTON.

It is with a heart full of gratitude to our heavenly Father, that I make this report of my second year's work in China. The on-rushing days have fled past with merciless speed, carrying into eternity a record of work punctuated with tears and prayers; a record of disappointments and failures, of joy on the one hand and sorrow on the other, yet all glowing with divine mercy. So great has been his loving kindness, so infinite his long-suffering, and so tenderly has he led me, that my mouth is stopped when I would speak of what I have done for him. I have sought diligently to redeem the time, and can look back upon but few idle moments.

The first three months of the new Conference year my work in the Anglo-Chinese University and day-schools was continued. I also visited among the women as often as practicable. In February I was sent to take charge of the Nantziang High School. With much kindly help from Mr. Loehr and Miss Rankin, I was enabled to get the school in good working-order with very little trouble. I deemed it best to make as few changes as possible in the beginning. There were three teachers employed—Mr. Ney, in the Anglo-Chinese School; Mr. Kan, in the day-school down-stairs; and Mrs. Sung, who was to open a school for very small children. These I retained, hoping that the number of pupils would justify it.

On the first day of school Mr. Loehr kindly came down and made all necessary arrangements in regard to entrance fees and tuition, as Dr. Allen had advised. He made an effort to raise the tuition from six to ten dollars, annually, and did so *nominally*, hoping to carry it out in reality during the next term. Only a very small portion of the pupils paid the six dollars. Mr. Loehr's timely aid was invaluable, as it would have been almost impossible for me to have made the arrangements with my limited knowledge of Chinese.

Miss Rankin was also very kind in extending to me a welcome into the work and home, and also in giving me an insight into the class-work of the school. She was more than kind in offering to spend an hour each day teaching English. I thought it hardly fair to add another task to her already numerous duties, and it was with great reluctance that I afterward agreed for her to take a class in translation.

School opened fairly well. The Anglo-Chinese School numbered twenty-three, and the day-schools twenty-five, making a total of forty-eight. Six were afterward enrolled in the Anglo-Chinese department, and only one dropped out during the term. The work in the Anglo-Chinese department was all that I dared hope. The boys studied with unflagging energy until the close of school, and few were absent (except in cases of sickness) during the entire term.

The day-school work did not move on so smoothly. According to my first programme for work, half the day I spent in teaching English, and the other

half divided between Chinese study and work in the day-schools. This left the head teacher in Chinese without employment during half the day. The down-stairs teacher had only twenty pupils, and Mrs. Sung four. Though I worked to the utmost of my strength to increase the number of pupils in the day-schools, I failed to incite a like spirit in the teachers, and the end of the first month found me even more perplexed than at the beginning. I saw no reason why the day-schools could not be consolidated, thus doing away with the expense of an extra teacher, and at the same time giving full work to two. I had good reasons for wishing to get rid of the down-stairs teacher. I accordingly decided to dismiss him, and give Mrs. Sung entire charge of the day-schools. This did not work as well as I hoped, for with the warm weather Mrs. Sung's health began to fail. Finding her quite unable to continue the work, I had arrangements made with the two most advanced pupils in the Anglo-Chinese department to teach during the remainder of the term; one teaching the native, and the other the religious books. They took hold with all the ardor of youth, and worked with heart and hand; and I am glad to be able to report that the "end thereof was better than the beginning." I gave all possible time to the day-school, singing with the children, hearing them repeat their religious books, and teaching them arithmetic.

I did what I could in Chinese study, though press of work often deprived me of the hour I tried so hard to get every day.

In September my appointment was again changed to the Anglo-Chinese University, Miss Roberts taking charge of the Nantziang school. Since then I have been teaching half the day and studying the other half. I have also found some spare time for work among women; have made several visits and held one very interesting meeting in my study. Women have come by twos and threes, several times, and I have tried to tell them about Jesus.

The work at the college fills me with the greatest enthusiasm, and I hope another year to be able to report something more done for the Master than during the year just past.

FROM MISS ATKINSON.

After returning from my health trip to Soochow last November, I was delayed in taking up school duties until some time in December. I commenced then to give music lessons to eight of the girls in Clopton School, and continued until the winter vacation, which began in February. Dr. Allen notified me that it was desirable I should teach in the Anglo-Chinese College, in consequence of Miss Hamilton's returning to Nantziang, and with the opening of the spring term I began with my class there. I found the teaching most delightful. The boys were bright, docile, and anxious to learn. They learned English remarkably fast, and as the days came and went I could see that their prejudices against the name of our Saviour were dying out. Most of the boys in my room were beginners, and until they became pupils at the college, I suppose, had never heard that holy name uttered by other than profane and unbelieving lips. Their daily teachings seemed to partially soften their hearts and quell their fears.

Some few of them seemed really glad to come to Sunday-school, and quite a number came at times. Some, however, could only be reached by special invitations for special days, and others I never reached at all except by teach-

ing them their books, and trying to walk before them faithfully day after day. I can give facts concerning that half-year's work, but it is not mine to estimate results. The great One who holds our lives in his hands can quicken the seeds that have fallen in the good soil and cause them to bring forth fruit to his glory. During the first months of the spring term my afternoons were given to the eight music pupils mentioned above, to the supervision of two day-schools, and to my Chinese study. In a short time after Mrs. Campbell's arrival she gladly took the music class, which was great relief, as it left me more time for the day-schools, as they were sadly needing attention.

Miss Hamilton returned to Shanghai this autumn, and in the re-adjustment those of my pupils in the college who returned are now in her class. I was so attached to the work there that it was a cross to give it up; but I see the wisdom of it all, and my very love for the boys makes me more willing for her to have them.

This autumn my time is entirely given to day-schools and to the study of the language. I have charge of seven schools just now, in which there are about one hundred and forty children. The native teachers teach them their text-books, but I make it my duty to visit them at least once a week, and where it is practicable, and there is special need for it, as much oftener as there is opportunity. Sometimes there have been hinderances which have prevented even the weekly visit, but I hope such hinderances will hereafter be less frequent. I hear the children repeat their religious books, examine them thoroughly on certain of them, teach arithmetic where it seems desirable and there is not a native teacher to do it. I have examined very carefully some of the older children, and they answer quite intelligently questions about our faith and religion, and I think we have a right to expect at an early day much fruit from these schools. Almost every child who enters a school is an open door to a heathen family, and, with more workers so near at hand, we hope in the near future to have time and strength to enter these doors. I am sure that these day-schools form no small part of the leaven which is to leaven the whole lump. It may be a slow process, but the promise must sooner or later be fulfilled before our eyes, "And a little child shall lead them."

SUMMARY OF WORK.—SHANGHAI.

Missionaries.....	7
Assistant teachers (native).....	13
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-schools.....	10
Pupils.....	252
Valuation of property.....	\$35,000

NANTZIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN,

MISS KATE R. ROBERTS,

MISS ADA REAGAN.

The changes that have come to the work in Nantziang the past year have been great—we might say startling—old plans yielding to

new developments. Early in the year Miss Rankin was re-enforced by Miss Roberts, who took up work at once in the Anglo-Chinese boys' school. Miss Reagan joined them in October. About this time Miss Rankin received a pressing invitation from some of the wealthy men in the city of Kading to come and teach their sons. At first she declined, not seeing her way clear; but the invitation was urgently renewed, and believing it a providential opening in answer to the prayers of her beloved sister and herself, and recognizing in it a remarkable manifestation of the power and influence of Christian Missions, she felt constrained to embrace the golden opportunity, and went.

For a time she itinerated daily between the two places in an ordinary comfortless Chinese boat, until her own boat, the "Dora," was finished. Finding this method of conducting the work too great a strain, physically and mentally, she determined to "enlarge the place of her tent, stretch forth the curtains of her habitation," and remove to Kading. This heroic resolve was carried into effect, she dwelling alone in a Chinese house, the only foreign woman who had ever slept in that great walled city, until Miss Kerr was sent temporarily to be her companion.

Her letters are filled with descriptive scenes, telling of the numbers of people who crowded her within and without, until a Chinese gentleman begged her to be patient, saying, "The people must see for themselves;" also of the personal interest of the *literati*, who visited her school, watching her methods, and hanging over the pupils as they were learning the use of pen and paper, slate and pencil.

It marks an epoch in modern Missions when a proud, seclusive heathen city invites a *Christian woman* within her walls to become teacher to her literary and wealthy young men! Truly, "this is the Lord's doings, and it is marvelous in our eyes." Formally our little day-schools in Kading were outside the walls. Miss Rankin has moved them within, and opened several others. Her time, her hands, her heart are more than full, and she must be re-enforced speedily.

At the latest advices Miss Roberts is in charge of the work at Nantziang (Miss Rankin had taken a number of the advanced pupils in the boarding-school to Kading). Miss Reagan is her co-worker. Our prayers should ascend fervently for these two young, but brave and worthy daughters of the Board, so lately sent to the field, that God will give them wisdom, grace, and strength for their heavy responsibilities.

In the following letter Miss Lochie Rankin gives the

ANNUAL REPORT OF PLEASANT COLLEGE AND THE KADING DAY-SCHOOLS.

In reviewing the work of the past year and summing up its results, I am forced to acknowledge that I have not labored as untiringly as in former years. At first, sorrow and inevitable changes made regular work almost impossible; and afterward, conscious of physical weakness and the loss of interest in life, I was the more careful to avoid overtaxing my strength. In the re-adjustments I did not feel at liberty to place in other hands work assigned me by the Board; therefore Pleasant College remained my first care, and the Anglo-Chinese work—though in some respects dearer to me than my own—was voluntarily left to others. My own special work has thus remained unchanged, save occasional lessons in the Anglo-Chinese High School, and the charge of the Kading work. The arrival of Miss Roberts in April made the number of foreign workers in Nantziang greater than ever before, and brought to the Home and work a wealth of strength and brightness, such as only young hearts, brave, true, and fresh from the home land possess. She began work immediately, giving half her time to the various arithmetical classes in Pleasant College, until the close of the spring term. My own time was given almost exclusively to training the pupil teachers. This seemed best every way, but chiefly because it would ultimately give me time and opportunity for other and more important work. The whole building has been thoroughly repaired and adjusted to the various normal and industrial departments required by such an institution. The health of the pupils has been better than in any previous year. This, no doubt, is largely due to the improved sanitary condition of the buildings. In re-opening the school, after the New-year holidays, I did not try to fill vacancies made by dismissal or failure on the part of former pupils, wishing in this way to quietly accomplish my own plans for reducing the number of charity pupils. The fruits of past labors have been wonderfully developed during the year. During 1886 there were seven probationers in Pleasant College, six of whom united with the Church before the close of the winter term. Since then there have been eighteen more probationers from the college, and one from the day-school taught by one of the pupils. Of these, fourteen have been received into the Church, one has fallen away, and the others are earnestly preparing themselves for admittance at the next Quarterly Conference. A fuller and more detailed account of the lives of the pupils will be given in the special reports to the benefactors of the school. The day-school for girls, taught by a pupil and supported by Pleasant College, has been rich in its returns this year, giving our Church the only girl-member who has not eaten at her expense.

During the first half of the year the Kading work was left entirely to the native teachers and preacher in charge. That they have done good service is well attested by the fact that the highest families of the place asked for a school similar to the Anglo-Chinese High School at Nantziang, and promised a liberal patronage. We hesitated long and prayed earnestly before attempting a work that involved so much. For to work successfully in schools of this kind one must give it daily supervision, and to do that one of us must go to Kading daily until the arrival of the new missionaries, when it would be possible for me to

live in Kading and itinerate to Nantziang. But I could not refuse to respond to this Macedonian call, especially as it came to me immediately after the week of prayer and self-denial. As it now stands, the Kading work is the most hopeful and the best organized that I have ever had. The schools are graded and adapted to the different classes of people. All of the schools are either opened or closed with prayer, the Scriptures are daily read and taught, and in every way do we strive to make every one better for coming to us. At present we have only one school within the city walls, but we hope soon to secure a comfortable building which will serve the double purpose of school and dwelling. We have the promise of a large increase of pupils when the school is moved into the city. Very earnestly do we entreat the prayers of the home Church for this work, so bravely planned one year ago by one who even then must have known the time was short. In taking up this work, I have followed closely all my sister's plans, as far as I knew them; and in asking for an enlarged appropriation for rent and teachers, and a contingent for the purchase of grounds for a school and residence, I am merely meeting the demands for existing work. I call particular attention to the facts that the estimates for the Nantziang and Kading work, as a whole, are no larger than they were two years ago, and yet we had not even entered Kading then; and that the school for whose support the increase is desired is already in operation—patronized by the highest literary families in Kading.

I can not close this imperfect report of the year, so full of sorrow for myself and rejoicing for the work, without special mention of the love and kindness shown myself and other members of our bereaved family by the whole Church, at home and in the field. I can not put my thoughts into words, still less trace them here. Only God knows.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF PLEASANT COLLEGE

For the Year 1886-7.

Number of pupils enrolled.....	54
Number now in school.....	44
Received from Mission Treasurer.....	\$1,800 00
Expended.....	1,719 00
Balance	\$ 80 52

STATISTICAL REPORT OF DAY-SCHOOLS,

Excluding all Anglo-Chinese Work.

Number of pupils enrolled.....	50
Number now in attendance.....	50
Received from Mission Treasurer.....	\$ 270 00
Received from patrons.....	4 70
Total.....	\$ 274 70
Expended	257 79
Balance	\$ 16 91

FROM MISS ROBERTS.

I arrived in Shanghai April 12, 1887. It was at first arranged that I should

remain there until autumn, perhaps permanently; but a week after my arrival Dr. Allen decided that it would be best for me to come to Nantziang, and April 22 found me here. Very soon after Miss Rankin committed to me certain classes in Pleasant College. To these I gave three hours each day. Two hours in the morning were devoted to the study of classical Chinese, and one and a half hours in the afternoon to colloquial. This, in view of the approaching warm weather and the fact that it was my first season in this climate, was thought to be as much time as I should give to regular duty. This order of work was continued until the close of the schools for summer vacation.

It having been arranged that I should take charge of the Anglo-Chinese school, all its interests were committed to me at this time. Some of the pupils desiring to continue their studies during the vacation, I arranged to give the morning hours to them, and to spend the afternoons in study.

When school opened, August 19, I took entire charge of the school, and it has since occupied almost my whole time. During the first month the extreme warm weather seemed to render it unsafe for me to do any regular work except for the morning session and late in the afternoon. This gave no time at all for study, and when the approach of the colder weather seemed to make it practicable to devote some time outside the regular school-hours to the language, there came an increase of pupils, and consequently such increased demands on my time that studying for the past two months has amounted to almost nothing.

Of the work I can, of course, write very little, except for the last quarter. Since the opening of the present term I have enrolled sixty-two pupils, twenty-seven of whom are in the English department.

The average attendance has been very good, considering the fact that there has been a great deal of sickness among them. It is no unusual thing to go into the school-room and miss two or three boys from their places, and on asking about them to be quietly informed that they have cholera.

The pupils are gentlemanly in their deportment, kind and obedient. The majority of them are very diligent in the pursuit of their studies, and have thus far made gratifying progress. While none of those who are now in the school have openly professed Christianity, we have abundant evidence that the precious seeds of truth, sown by the faithful teacher whom they loved so well, and whose memory is still a mighty power for good among them, have taken deep root in their hearts, and we believe they shall yet bring forth fruit to the glory of our King.

The Anglo-Chinese work has a strong hold on the confidence of the people, and continues to grow in favor. The only hinderance to a more rapid growth seems to be the location of the school, which is so far from the business part of the city that it is inconvenient to the class of people who would otherwise be its most liberal patrons. The best interests of the work seem to demand that it be extended in that direction. This, in pursuance of plans already laid for the work, I hope to do by opening a day-school in a part of the city that will be more convenient to this class of people, in which instruction in English will be given. Miss Rankin's plan in reducing the number of pupils in the boarding-school was to extend the day-school work. As this department of the work in Nantziang has been committed to me, I respectfully

submit this plan, and ask that an appropriation be made for the same. From the books which have been turned over to me I make the following report of the Anglo-Chinese High School for the year ending September 30, 1887:

Receipts.

Received from Mission Treasurer.....	\$ 270 00
Received from native patrons....	103 00
Received from incidental fund.....	43 25
Received from other sources.....	4 23
Total.....	\$ 420 48

Expenses.

Expended for salaries.....	\$ 252 00
Expended for repairs.....	107 50
Expended for incidentals.....	36 71
Total.....	\$ 396 21
Balance on hand September 30, 1887.....	24 27
	\$ 420 48

SUMMARY OF WORK.—NANTZIANG AND KADING.

Missionaries	3
Teachers (native).....	9
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-schools.....	7
Pupils.....	179
Bible-woman....	1
Valuation of property Woman's Board of Missions.....	\$8,200 00

SOOCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MILDRED M. PHILIPS, M.D.,
MISS EMMA E. KERR,

MISS LOU E. PHILIPS,
MISS ADDIE F. GORDON.

The boarding-school at Soochow is reported fully by Miss Lou E. Philips, who has given to it all her time, strength and cultivation of heart and mind. Miss Gordon joined her in October, 1887, and at once took her place, helping as she could.

MISS LOU PHILIPS'S REPORT.

It would seem that a year of life and work ought to furnish a record worthy the writing and the reading. But is it always the case? Some moments are more potential than years, some years but a series of forenoons and afternoons, filled with a routine of homely toil, albeit that homely toil may be the chiseling of the stones which shall grow into a temple unto our God.

The year that has passed has been such a one that I confess I feel at a loss to chronicle its lowly work. It has, however, brought one gift gracious enough to brighten a life-time. I refer to the formation of a Conference of our Church in these ends of the earth. Words can give but faint expression to our deep obligation therefor. To us, whose Church-fellowship, discipline, and work

are here, it is a matter of vital moment whether we pass our days under the grand Methodist policy to which at the altar we vowed subjection and support. "Places are providences," and help to make destiny; and as we have cast in our all with *this place and this people*, we must *in connection with them* work out our whole infinite future. May it minister grace unto the Bishops and elders who willed it, and not least to him who came among us to establish it, because within all the borders of our infant Conference are manifest the fruits of righteousness which are, by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

I returned to Soochow from the Conference of November, 1886, with fresh strength and new inspiration, and have striven in all the varied relations which a missionary fills, to do something "for right and truth, for God and man;" have striven to add something to the glory and honor that shall be brought to Christ from this land of Sinim.

With the conviction that it was, first of all, my duty to be a faithful daughter of the Church, I have endeavored to offer myself upon her sacrifice and service, allowing neither heat nor cold nor weariness nor painfulness nor what-not to interfere with any known duty to her. I rejoice in that purpose; yea, and will rejoice, notwithstanding much weakness and many failures have hindered its accomplishment.

The work in the boarding-school for 1886-7 has given me more satisfaction than any other I have ever known. There have been sickness, care, and failure, but these have been offset by health, consolation, and good success. There were three trying cases of sickness during the year, and several more troublesome than serious. The deportment and spirit of the pupils were all that one could expect; and their work, though often so heavy as to call forth my sympathy, was cheerfully performed.

The number of pupils enrolled was thirty-one. One was withdrawn on the death of her betrothed, who was a pupil in Mr. Parker's school. I fear she is now under entirely heathen influences. I have constant opportunities to receive new pupils, and could largely increase the school if it were deemed best.

Not more than one hour a day is given to their native books; but, so far as I can learn, they are equally as well advanced as the girls in other schools who spend more time on them, even as much as one-half. For a year past they have been studying these books according to Western methods, and so far it has proved quite satisfactory. The remaining time is divided between Christian books and Western sciences. The progress in their books has been slow, and that mainly because we have no proper supply of text-books. In arithmetic we have to use one written in the Mandarin dialect; in geography one written in ven-li. Both serve to retard them. The same is true of all other scientific books.

There has been decided improvement in reading aloud, although from the Chinese habit of learning to read by the use of separate characters thrown together promiscuously, and afterward in ven-li, which is about as intelligible to the student as Homer's Greek to a primary class in a home school, they even read as if there was no connection or sense in the characters called. But as I long most earnestly for them to become Bible-readers to their own

people, I have spared no pains to enable them to read well. And there has been improvement enough to hope for much good to be done.

There has been most gratifying growth in their knowledge of the work of God. Being fully convinced that before there could be any religious possibilities for the pupils they must learn to know what God is in fact, and knowing the Old Testament Scriptures to be the precursor of the New, I have had the pupils give them much study.

Nine books of the Old Testament have been quite well studied. Of these we had only Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, and the Psalms translated into the vernacular, and consequently only those four the pupils were able to read understandingly; but Leviticus, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel, by the use of those parts given in the International Lessons, and which Mr. Reid put into the vernacular, and by the help of a most able and patient translator, who used either the Mandarin or ven-li versions, we managed to do fairly clean work. The only thing is, it is almost impossible to review what has been thus learned. I spared no time or pains to enable them to understand God's words as they were interjected into the midst of "the fall, the promise, the wickedness of man, the flood, the calling of Abraham, the covenant, the bondage in Egypt, the deliverance, the journey through the wilderness, and all that followed until Messiah came." And with the true sense of the divine claims thus obtained, and of their corresponding obligations, I confidently look for the Saviour to be indeed a Saviour to them—a felt necessity. The New Testament has been read through not less than three times, and a large part of it with comment and catechism.

Only two have been received into the Church, and but two on probation; but there is a pervading Christian sentiment in the school that causes each pupil to recognize the binding power of Christian obligation, and strive in some measure to fulfill the duties of discipleship. They are but children, and slow to make any outward demonstration, but the Church would only have to say "Come" for many of them to take their places in her ranks outwardly, as I think many of them have inwardly.

A day-school for girls can only be carried on in Soochow, as I have before said, by reason of some perquisites; the learning counts for nothing. If any door be opened whereby the girls can earn a cash more than the dinner you give or the embroidery you teach be worth, that instant the child is lost to the school. This usually happens about the age of thirteen. With boarding-school girls, where every thing is supplied, this may be put off until the marriage date arrives—i. e., eighteen or nineteen; but even there it is uncertain, for the girls under boarding-school training develop into intelligent and cheerful workers whose spirit and help are soon appreciated in their homes, and they are considered valuable enough to overlook the cost of the rice they eat and the clothes they wear.

The average attendance at the day-school has been about thirteen for the year. There has been great improvement in the manners and morals of these girls, and they study much better than at the opening of the year. Assisted by some of the more advanced pupils from the boarding-school, I have been teaching them a little arithmetic and geography. They have also improved in their reading and singing.

A *great company* of women have visited us, and earnest efforts have been made to teach them the truth. I can speak of no positive results as following these visits, except a feeling of greater respect and friendliness toward us ; but neither do I know but that among those who have told me that they believed but what some may have had faith, even though but as a grain of mustard seed !

Some of the servants connected with our work in Soochow have improved, others are as ardent worshipers of Mammon, if not as blind as of old. Light they have had ; but you know some "have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it." So we need not marvel if they have not received it from us ; but some show an interest in the truth that is full of encouragement. At the beginning of 1887 there was but one who could read to amount to any thing at all ; now three can read very well in the colloquial Scriptures, and two can read quite well. Family prayers for the servants were established New-year's-day, and have been faithfully kept up. I look for good from these services, and while they may be a savor of death unto death to such as are joined to their idols, still I believe there are others to whom they are being made the savor of life unto life. "And who is sufficient for these things?" May you, by your prayers for us, which long after us, for the exceeding grace of God in us, enable us to be sufficient !

Late in the year the Hospital was completed, and as Dr. Philips was preparing to open it and begin her labors with a trained assistant on a scale commensurate with our plan of work, she received an injury on her knee, which resulted so seriously that she was compelled to go to Shanghai for skilled medical attention. How true, "the lot is cast into the lap ; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord !"

This providential hinderance in our medical work, when the need for such is so great, and as all things seemed ready for systematized advance, has been a test of faith which Dr. Philips has borne with cheerful submission, and she is looking forward joyfully to becoming established in her new quarters in the early spring. The report of her work is as follows :

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL WORK.

I trust the year's report will give some comfort as you study over the steps of advance we have slowly taken. Seven years of planning and giving and waiting ought to show some return. If our heart and our hands be wholly given to the physical sowing, a harvest to be seen with the natural eye may appear, and the garnering be considered fine ; but there is a harvest not to be seen by the physical eye, not to be garnered in time ; and the laborers thereunto must be taught of God. And oftentimes so slowly are they prepared for the work, and so slowly is the ground made ready for the seed, that the less wise husbandman exclaims : "Away with such pains ! A harvest we must have, no matter if the *amount* and the *quality* of the grain suffer by haste." But not so have we been taught, who have apprenticed ourselves unto God ; for he

looks well to the kind of grain that we bring to and offer him, and scorns at our hands a gift of withered, putrefying stuff, though it be ever so abundant. "Without me ye can do nothing" is, indeed, the first lesson for us as we step out upon the field and offer ourselves for his service. Then will he choose us and ordain us, that we may go and bring forth fruit that shall remain; and endow us unto the work with the riches of grace in Christ Jesus, "who led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

Through these three years of my stay in China I have been slowly learning something more of these things. What though the painful consciousness of our own nothingness without him must come to be ours? Do we not then begin to find that in him are hid all the treasures of knowledge and wisdom? O that we could in any measure reach unto the knowledge of what Christ may actually be to us in the practical working out of our every-day life—strength, wisdom, grace, "above all that we are able to ask or think."

As the past Conference year opened we were still unsettled about the location of the hospital, and were having some work done preparatory to opening the dispensary which stood on our premises. Later, after the Bishop's visit, his opinion and Dr. Allen's led me to ask Dr. Park for the vacant lot belonging to and adjoining his hospital. This land is not yet paid for. It is for this purpose that I ask for the three hundred dollars which appears in my estimates.

The 3d of March the dispensary work was opened, and kept open until the 27th of July. During these months about 1,000 patients were treated, 9 in-patients admitted, about 1,474 prescriptions filled; and during the year 107 office patients registered, and 188 calls made.

The following donations were received during the year: Miss Atkinson, \$10; Miss Philips, a davenport; Soochow Hospital, 16 new suits of clothing for women; Soochow Girls' School, 6 chapel benches, 2 small benches, 1 bed, 2 chairs, 2 tables; South-west Missouri Conference, old muslin and linen; Mrs. Allen, old linen; a friend, 1 stove, \$10, a register, 5 Chinese copies of the Gospels and Acts, 600 pages of Chinese tracts, 2 engravings, 4 scrolls, the service of a Chinese woman, and \$50 for furnishing Chinese reception-room in the new hospital; from Mrs. Parker, one trunk of old clothes; from America, old linen; Mrs. Anderson, flannel; Mrs. Bonnell, bottles; Mrs. McGavock, 1 volume (medical work); Dr. Park, 1 pamphlet; Dr. Macleod, the same; a patient, edibles; Miss Baldwin, medical journals and catalogues; friend, old clothing, cash \$10.26; from Mrs. Hayes, \$25; from a real missionary at home, who raised chickens and sold them, \$5, which amount made \$6.25 when sold at the present rate of exchange; from self, 2 carved mantels for hospital, and some money to the workmen for their feast.

Of all the donations I do not think any more nearly touched my heart than the \$5 from the dear little Missouri girl, who was so considerate as to say she would watch the papers for her answer. I have not yet decided what that \$6.25 shall be spent for. It is too valuable to spend without some thought; and yet I fear we do not realize how many such gifts come in the quarterly amounts that we receive.

Now to return a few moments to the dispensary. Three times a week the native pastor preaches to the women. On the remaining days my teacher reads to them a lesson from the Scriptures, and daily there are two women

there to instruct them while I am prescribing. I have had the same druggist, one of the medical students, since the 3d of last December. He fills all of the prescriptions for the clinic, and makes up the easier preparations, and serves me in many ways. In him, as in several of the other students, I have been fully convinced of the practical utility and feasibility of giving educated Chinese medical teaching. It is an element destined to play its part in the conquest. I have in the past year given three lectures a week to the students, and one quiz on *materia medica*. The percentage of two only fell below 80 at the closing examination in June.

In May the long-wished-for hospital was at last begun under the supervision of a Chinese contractor, who has given satisfaction, every thing considered. The work has gone on steadily up to the present date. I have described the plan of the buildings in my fourth quarterly report. We now have room and to spare for the work we shall immediately have on hand.

I have also just recently heard that Nantziang begins to call for a lady physician, and it is quite right that they should have help at that place.

I was speaking with Dr. Riefsnyder yesterday of this probable delay in Soochow of re-enforcements, telling her that I meant to ask for another student to be entered, if possible, this year. She made answer that there ought to be *two* more. I wish there *could be*. *Is there not another* in the bounds of our Church willing to enter a work so calculated to reach the women of China as is this work?

The number of dispensary patients seen in July was 204; the number of office patients, 7. The dispensary was closed the last of the month, with the expectation of re-opening the work in the new buildings. The buildings that we have used up to this time were during this interval to be torn down and moved to the new lot. Knowing that you have long looked forward to the establishment of the hospital for women, I write somewhat at length, feeling that you will be glad to know that there are at last substantial, airy, roomy buildings for the carrying on of this work. We have built upon a lot adjoining the Soochow Hospital, and lying to the east of it. The pavilion style, or building in separate wards, was settled upon as best calculated to allow of satisfactory separation of the sick, and to secure good ventilation. The buildings are of brick, plastered inside and out, and connected by open corridors. They are finished neatly inside with hard, smooth, gray, marbled plaster and white, high ceilings, neatly corniced. The wood-work is of the best Chinese red-wood and camphor-wood, and the floors of foreign pine. The varnishing is the same inside and outside, on floors, windows, blinds, corridors, etc. It is the commonly-used Chinese varnish of a dark, reddish-brown color. It is non-absorbent, unaffected by water, either hot or cold, and quite pretty when the coloring is right and the work well done. The dispensary building, where the daily clinics are attended to, contains a large waiting-room, two consulting-rooms, a drug-room, store-room, and closets. North of this building are the medical and surgical wards in two separate pavilions, each containing one bath-room and one room for special cases. One of these small rooms has been prepared so it can be used for opium cases, the treatment for which consists of iron bars and a lock and key. Some ten feet from the surgical ward is the operating ward, which will be a great comfort after the cramped quarters we

have heretofore used. The buildings so far described are single-storied; raised three feet from the ground, with good ventilation underneath, and the ground beaten down with a cement of sand and lime. There is but one two-story building on the lot. It contains three rooms below, three above, halls, closets, etc. The other buildings on the compound, except the gate-keeper's lodge, are those brought from the old lot, some of them having had additions made to them. The old dispensary building we intend using for a variety of purposes. The old ward and servants' quarters have been metamorphosed into substantial servants' quarters, kitchen, dining-room, wash-room, etc. The work was begun on these buildings in May. It has continued almost without interruption through the summer and fall. There is still some varnishing going on, which ought to have six weeks for hardening.

I especially wish to return thanks to Mr. C. K. Marshall for the kind service he has rendered me during this time in interpreting for me, helping to oversee the work, and carrying out many instructions for me during my absence from Soochow. The Woman's Board is also greatly indebted through the help that I have received from them in this matter to Bishop Wilson, Dr. Allen, Drs. Lambuth, Park, and Rowe, Miss Safford, Revs. Anderson and Reid.

SUMMARY OF WORK.—SOOCHOW.

Missionaries (1 medical, 1 trained assistant).....	4
Teachers (native).....	4
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-school.....	1
Pupils.....	32
Hospital.....	1
Value of property Woman's Board of Missions.....	\$14,000

MEXICAN BORDER.

LAREDO SEMINARY.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS N. E. HOLDING,

MISS REBECCA TOLAND.

Assistants.

MISS DELIA HOLDING,

MISS MASON,

MISS HOLDERBY,

MISS DILLARD,

MRS. ANDERSON (matron).

Bishops and ministers who had visited the Seminary, and written and spoken of the beautiful Christian home, perfect organization, and the immense amount of work daily accomplished under the wise management of Miss Holding, had impressed us that the prophecy had truly been fulfilled, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall blossom as the rose;" but not until Miss Holding stood with modest mien before the Board at the last annual session, and spoke of her work, its needs, its pos-

sibilities, drawing the contrast between Mexican darkness, defilement, and falsehood, and Christian light, purity, and truth, charming her hearers with glowing words of inspiration, did all realize, like the Queen of Sheba when, wondering at the glory and wisdom of Solomon, she exclaimed: "It was a true report that I heard in my own land, and behold the half was not told me."

The addition to the building for which Miss Holding pleaded so earnestly, and which was greatly needed, was sorrowfully refused, because of other pressing obligations of the Board; but with all-conquering faith, she cheerfully said: "I have asked God for it, and will get it." And she did. How? We scarcely know; only that the money came to Miss Holding in small special gifts, sanctified by love and prayer, and the house was built. It is finished, has been dedicated, and the beautiful "Hall of Faith" stands as an object-lesson to her pupils, of trusting God for all things whatsoever they need. The report of Miss Holding presents the work in full, and is as follows:

LAREDO SEMINARY.

"This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice, and be glad in it." As I come to my fourth annual report, I find in my heart only a feeling of praise and thanksgiving. So manifestly hath the "Lord been with us," our cup runneth over, prosperity in every part of the work, health and happiness maketh the soul glad. We would not rejoice so much in these "outward things" if we did not look upon them as the manifestation of "the good hand of our God upon us."

INCREASE.

The first term opened August 1, 1887, with 69 pupils. The second term opened January 2, 1888, with 110 pupils. We have enrolled 125 at this writing, and an average attendance of 115. We are 95 in family; day-pupils, 31. These figures mean a great deal when it is remembered they represent a Protestant school in a Catholic community. Unless the city should grow toward us—a thing we do not desire, but from the present outlook we fear—we can not at this point have a large day-school. The boarding-department, during the entire term, has been uncomfortably full. For months we have not been able to take those who crowd our doors. None but a missionary who stands in the midst of a downtrodden and poverty-stricken people can comprehend the anguish of spirit when compelled to turn away from their pleading looks and words, and leave them in their helpless misery. This one school upon the border can no more meet the demand of this people than one drop of water can quench the thirst of famishing millions. We have pleaded, and we plead again, and we will continue to plead as long as strength and life remain, for the establishment of Christian schools in every city in Mexico. The rapid growth and unrivaled prosperity of this Border Mission lead us to hope that the Board, and through the Board the women of the Southern Methodist Church, will be encouraged to enter the numerous doors now standing invitingly open.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

So great has been the increase in numbers that we have found it necessary to become an organized Church. The distance from the city, the intense heat of the greater part of the year, the delicate constitution of some of the teachers and pupils, made it impossible for so large a body as we had become to be prompt at Sunday-school and Church service. To meet the exigencies of the case I requested Brother Sutherland to make the Seminary a preaching-point. We now have preaching twice a month, both in English and Spanish. We have a membership of 24. The Sunday-school numbers 79; officers and teachers, 11; pupils, 68.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The "Loredo Band" has a membership of 72. The year's contribution was \$59.60. The "baby" of the school, Maria Villareal, six years of age, is supported by the "Band." All of these things stand out as beautiful tints upon the dark background.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Last year we realized the necessity of enlarging our buildings. We asked for an appropriation for that purpose. You did not have it in your power to grant our request; we remember how sorrowfully you refused us. We turned to Him "who holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands," and whose Spirit "moveth upon the hearts of men," and he gave unto us the thing which we asked.

The new building, or as we call it, "the house we prayed for," and which you have christened the "Hall of Faith," will be completed and occupied by the time for holding the annual meeting of the Board. It is a large, two-story building, containing nine rooms. How eagerly we have watched it grow into its present fair proportions, becoming indeed "a thing of beauty!" There it stands, a blessed reality—a tangible evidence of direct answer to the prayer of faith. This building will be used entirely for school purposes. The present class-rooms will be taken for dormitories.

SCHOOL WORK AND WORKERS.

When we take into consideration the sloth, indifference, and utter carelessness of the Mexican character, we can more perfectly approximate the advancement of our pupils. Our souls are encouraged by drawing comparative lines, present and past. From the one flashes rays of light which give promise of the full life; the other only a dark line of simple existence, into which no glimmer of light had ever entered. The three natures of the household have in a measure kept pace—physical, intellectual, and spiritual. We realize there has been a year's step forward.

During the year the laborers engaged in this part of the Master's field have been blessed with unusually good health. Some have gone unto higher spiritual planes, and all, almost without exception, have kept conscientiously at their post.

"THE COTTIE HOGE LIBRARY"

will be placed in the new building—a sainted name in a hallowed spot. Many beautiful and useful books have been added this year—thanks to the dear home friends.

A NEW FEATURE OF THE WORK

which has grown upon us is the necessity for a *boys' school*. A boarding-school for boys upon the border would soon become self-supporting. The pressure upon us to admit boys into our school has been so great that we have yielded, and now have quite a number of small boys, all *full-paying pupils*, from whom we receive \$130 per month. Men of the better class are drifting away from Catholic superstition, and have grown careless concerning the religious instruction of their sons. Now is the time for Christian schools to form the thought of the future men.

CALLS.

Letters asking for the extension of work do not cease to come; instead, they are on the increase. Missionaries from every point are calling for help, money, and *laborers*. May the call be loud until it becomes the tocsin which shall startle every Christian woman and cause her to spring to the help of her Mexican sister!

SALTILLO.

Your work at this point is one of deep interest. Saltillo is a city of twenty thousand inhabitants, and is said to be one of the most fanatical cities of Mexico. The school did not open as encouragingly as the missionaries desired. What work ever meets the full expectation of the workers? I find in it much to encourage, for I remember well the beginning at Laredo. The Lord who extended his mighty arm over the one can and will give the same protecting care to the other. Consider it well; give it a liberal and hearty support; let it grow into a boarding-school. We must remember it is a Mexican custom of those financially able to place their girls at a very early age in the convent, to remain until the education is finished. If our schools are not prepared to meet this, Protestant influence will not become a power in Mexican cities. When we enter a new field we must, to a considerable extent, be guided and controlled by national customs; everywhere practicable establish day-schools, and help and encourage them to grow into boarding-schools.

SUMMARY OF WORK.—LAREDO.

Missionaries.....	2
Assistants	5
Pupils	125
Valuation of property of Woman's Board of Missions.....	\$35,000

SALTILLO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS,

MISS BLANCHE GILBERT.

This work is in the State of Coahuila, Mexico. It was adopted by the Board last year, and is promising and important. Miss Gilbert was sent to re-enforce Miss Roberts last autumn. The two have worked under great discomfort, owing to the unsuitable house in which they lived. A new and more commodious house has been secured, and the work will be reorganized. Here, as in all Mexican

towns, there are difficulties and deeply-grounded prejudices to overcome, which will require time and patient effort.

SUMMARY OF WORK.—SALTILLO.

Missionaries.....	2
Pupils.....	43

BRAZIL.

PIRACICABA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MATTIE H. WATTS,

MISS MARCIA MARVIN.

Assistants.

M^{lle} RENNOTTE (and five others).

The College at Piracicaba has been subject to many changes the past year, owing to the removal of missionaries. Miss Watts was received on her return, after an absence of a year, with many demonstrations of joy by patrons and pupils, as she was the recognized founder and leader of that work. M^{lle}. Rennotte and Miss Marvin joined her after a few months, and the work has progressed with its usual order. Miss Ella Granbery gave a year of valuable service to the college without cost to the Board.

Miss Watts writes in good spirits, and says: "I think the school has passed the crisis brought about by the changes it has experienced the last two years, and now believe there will be an advance movement. We must have a kindergarten teacher, and we need badly a music teacher; and if the Board will send us these two, we will pay half the salary of each. If the music teacher is a very good one, she will bring in her whole salary from her pupils."

SUMMARY OF WORK.—PIRACICABA.

Missionaries.....	2
Assistants	6
Pupils	89
Valuation of property Woman's Board of Missions.....	\$20,800

RIO DE JANEIRO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY W. BRUCE,

MISS MATTIE B. JONES.

Misses Bruce and Jones proceeded to Rio on the return of Miss Watts to Brazil in July. Some months later a beautiful property was purchased on Las Laranjueras (Street of the Orange-trees). This fine locality is on a spur of the mountains overlooking the waters of the bay. The altitude, salubrious air, and distance from the

crowded part of the city make it almost a sanitarium when yellow fever is prevailing. No case has ever occurred there. The Board is to be congratulated in securing such a desirable location for the Centenary College.

The difficulties that have met Miss Bruce at every step, and her persistent efforts to open a first-class school, are too many to mention. There was much delay in procuring a license, which is a necessity in that country to advertise any institution of learning. She has opened a promising school, and begs the Board to send her efficient help, that she may advance with her opportunities. At last advices Miss Bruce writes: "Though the children did not swarm in at the opening of the school, yet we are not discouraged. We have fourteen pupils; eleven of these are boarders. The weather is still very warm, and many from whom we expect patronage are still in the country. Our house looks very pretty since it was painted, and is in comfortable order. We now have plenty of water, which cost us money, patience, and much inconvenience. I do not hesitate to say our property to-day is worth and will bring \$25,000. It will require patience and waiting to develop the work here, and make *a place*, as Miss Watts has done in Piracicaba; but, in no spirit of boasting, we believe our time will come when we will be known and trusted, and our efforts crowned with success. With thanksgiving I report four persons from our house received into the Church—two children and two colored women. Our first need is a good teacher."

Miss Jones has a fine kindergarten class, which seems to excite no opposition. We must hold up the hands of our faithful missionaries then, amid their disappointments, and not be too anxious or impatient for visible results.

SUMMARY OF WORK.—RIO.

Missionaries.....	2
Assistants.....	1
Pupils	27
Valuation of property Woman's Board of Missions.....	\$25,000

INDIAN TERRITORY.

HARBELL INSTITUTE (at *Muscogee*).

This institution has passed through a successful year. Rev. T. F. Brewer, the superintendent, was fortunate in securing a corps of faithful and efficient teachers. Miss A. V. Wilson (sister of our Bishop), a woman of large experience in teaching, and who had herself been principal of a boarding-school, went to his assistance last

September. While not really the representative of the Board, she kindly consented to send the quarterly reports of the school (not financial), by request of the Corresponding Secretary.

In the following Rev. T. F. Br  wer has given the *status*, which will be read with pleasurable interest:

We have just completed the sixth month of the seventh scholastic year in Harrell Institute, and I think I can safely say we have not enjoyed a more prosperous and harmonious year since the organization of the school.

The number of matriculates is 128. During a former session we enrolled 142, but our average attendance was not so large as now, nor our students so far advanced in their studies. We have at this writing in actual attendance 35 in the collegiate, 28 in the intermediate, and 35 in the primary department. Among them eight nationalities are represented—viz., Creeks, Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, Seminoles, Osages, Pottowatomies, and whites. Many of them pay our full charges for board and tuition, while others who are less able are granted a reduction from the regular charges, and 25 pay nothing and are put on our roll of beneficiaries.

Mrs. A. V. Wilson has filled very acceptably the position of lady principal. Her time has been fully occupied with classes in the collegiate department. She is a fine teacher, and a cultivated Christian woman.

Miss Mae Duncan has charge of the classes in the intermediate department, and also those in Latin. Miss Duncan is the daughter of the Rev. W. A. Duncan, of the Cherokee Nation. She completed her education in the Nashville College for Young Ladies, is a devoted Christian, and has rendered very acceptable service in our school this year.

Miss Kate Warren, of St. Louis, Mo., has charge of the primary department. She is in full sympathy with the work, and has given great satisfaction in her department.

The music class, under the efficient management of Miss Laura May Simpson, of Tibbee, Miss., has made considerable progress. The roll of the class numbers 32, 26 of whom are now receiving instruction. Miss Simpson was educated in the Huntsville (Ala.) Female Institute, and is fully competent to fill the position she occupies.

Our art teacher, Miss Bessie Hobson, of Somerville, Tenn., has 26 students in her class. This department was only opened last year, and we enrolled 6 students in the class during the term. Miss Hobson was also educated in the Huntsville Female Institute, and she has given universal satisfaction in her department.

Mrs. Brewer has filled the position of manager of the household department. She has filled this office since the opening of the school, seven years ago.

These ladies have not only worked in the school, but have rendered valuable service in the Church and Sunday-school.

The patronage of the school is now all we can accommodate with our present number of rooms, and applications for rooms for next session have already been received for many more students than we can receive. It is to be hoped the Board will provide for our increasing patronage.

MISS A. V. WILSON'S REPORT.

I reached Muscogee on Friday, September 2, 1887, and entered upon my school duties the following Monday morning.

In the collegiate department I have two classes in algebra, three in arithmetic, one in grammar, two in rhetoric, two in German, one in physiology, one in history, one in mythology, two in composition, and one in elocution—making twelve recitations a day, and three extra ones weekly. Mr. Brewer delivers a lecture on moral and religious subjects each morning, and Miss Hobson, the art teacher, gives a lesson in penmanship.

We assemble in the school-room at 8:45 A.M., and continue till 4 P.M., with an hour and a half intermission at noon. Our pupils are among the Creeks, Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Osages, Seminoles, and whites. The school year has, with the exception of a short time in November, been one of great peace, and earnest, persevering work on the part of the pupils and teachers. At the time mentioned some dissatisfaction was excited among the boarding-pupils, through the disaffection of one or two of their number, which resulted in the loss of about eight, among whom we gladly record the offending parties. This vacancy was soon filled, and the whole occurrence resulted rather to our furtherance than to our hinderance. A few who left us at Christmas were not able to return, but others have taken their places, and the boarding-department is full. We should, however, have taken two or three more but for the severe weather and high waters, which prevented their coming, and they are entered for the next session.

The health of the institution has been exceptionally good. I have lost only half an hour from school on account of indisposition, and the others have fared nearly as well.

Miss Warren has won the love of her little ones, and her department, at first the smallest, is constantly on the increase.

In the music department, Miss Simpson, of Mississippi, an accomplished teacher, excites the enthusiasm of her scholars; and is also of great value to us in the chapel of the Institute and in the public worship of the Methodist Church, where she is very faithful in her attendance and presides at the organ while leading the singing. I should say in this connection that we have several pupils who are competent and willing to fill either of these offices whenever from any cause there is need for their services.

In the art department, conducted by Miss Hobson, of Tennessee, the only complaint we make is too great eagerness on the part of students. This department has added very much to the popularity as well as to the revenue of the college.

In former years the greatest hinderance experienced has been from the uncertain stay of the matriculates, many of them leaving at irregular intervals during the year, and few returning for a second session. This year we have a more steadfast class of students, and every reason to believe that a number of them will continue their course to graduation.

The housekeeping of the Institute is good. We are comfortably lodged, well fed, and have every thing that Mrs. Brewer is able to contribute to our pleasure. The house is well built, finely ventilated, but wants shutters to the windows, and a better heating apparatus to prevent actual distress. The

strong winds over these prairies make it impossible to lower the blinds without closing the sash, so that in that way we can not keep out sun and heat. Our sleeping and dining rooms are sufficiently warmed, but the school-rooms are not warm enough during the greater part of the winter, and the halls are dangerously cold. If we could have shutters to the windows, and furnaces, we would be relieved from much actual discomfort, and I think escape many severe colds.

In religious privileges we are favored, Muscogee being a station. We have a flourishing Sunday-school, attended by all the boarding-pupils and many from the town. They have a Juvenile Missionary Society of seventy-eight members, conducted entirely among themselves. They also take part in the Parsonage Society. As Muscogee is a central point, the preachers of the Indian Mission Conference are often here, and find a home at the college. There is a very decided religious movement among the pupils. Many of those who have never experienced a change of heart are frank in acknowledging their sense of need, and are embracing every opportunity afforded them to obtain the pearl of great price. Some among them who have been professors of religion are warming up into new life. We have every reason to hope that the Lord will give us the joy of seeing many of these souls gathered into his kingdom this year.

SUMMARY OF WORK.—INDIAN TERRITORY.

Teachers	6
Pupils.....	124
Valuation of property Woman's Board of Missions.....	\$15,500

SUMMARY OF WORK IN EACH FIELD.

CHINA.

Missionaries (two medical).....	14
Native teachers.....	26
Boarding-schools	3
Day-schools.....	18
Pupils.....	463
Hospital	1
Bible-woman.....	1

MEXICAN BORDER.

Missionaries	4
Assistants.....	5
Boarding-schools	1
Day-schools.....	1
Pupils.....	168

BRAZIL.

Missionaries	4
Assistants.....	7
Boarding-schools	2
Pupils.....	116

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Teachers	6
Boarding-schools	1
Pupils.....	124

RECAPITULATION.

Missionaries	22
Teachers and assistants	39
Boarding-schools.....	7
Day-schools	19
Pupils.....	871
Hospitals.....	1
Bible-woman.....	1

VALUE OF PROPERTY OF WOMAN'S BOARD.

China	\$ 57,200
Mexican.....	35,000
Brazil Mission.....	45,800
Indian Territory.....	15,500
Total.....	<u>\$153,500</u>

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK FOR 1887-8.

CONFERENCES.	Number of Adult Auxiliaries in the Conferences.	Number of Adult Members.	Number of Auxiliaries organized during the year.	Number of members added during the year.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies.	Number of Juvenile Members.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies organized during the year.	Number of Juvenile Members added during the year.	Total Members.	Life-members.	Honorary Life-members.	Honorary Life-patrons.	Scholarships Supported.	Day-schools Supported.	Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate.
Alabama.....	65	1211	20	211	28	851	8	110	2062	12	1	1	2	....	428
Arkansas.....	12	129	7	48	2	40	1	20	169	2	1	1	1	....	46
Baltimore.....	58	1553	10	177	18	609	2	....	2162	87	2	2	4	....	365
Denver.....	3	59	1	18	3	78	2	39	137	1	....	....	....	....	20
East Texas.....	29	709	4	42	7	245	2	50	954	13	....	....	....	....	200
Florida.....	71	1413	17	264	42	1239	15	325	2651	42	....	....	1	....	299
Holston.....	91	1581	22	435	36	916	7	103	2497	84	....	....	....	8	475
Indian Mission.....	4	90	....	....	5	152	3	56	242	....	....	....	....	....	12
Kentucky.....	65	1095	5	75	23	480	6	102	1575	100	6	2	3	....	363
Little Rock.....	41	731	19	391	26	577	15	344	1308	19	1	....	....	....	130
Los Angeles.....	10	164	2	24	....	....	....	....	164	3	....	....	....	....	100
Louisiana.....	28	816	6	221	8	428	6	284	1244	6	....	....	1	....	163
Louisville.....	53	967	9	29	37	900	6	73	1867	32	....	....	5	1	308
Memphis.....	46	1000	9	46	30	1021	8	158	2021	67	4	....	2	....	307
Mississippi.....	50	1032	13	218	14	305	6	109	1337	22	....	....	....	....	203

Missouri.....	59	920	8	81	30	897	7	221	1817	60	1	....	1	1	279
North Alabama.....	38	864	8	164	34	630	19	211	1494	10	....	....	2	....	325
North Carolina.....	52	1250	11	219	76	3731	25	904	4981	9	1	....	....	....	200.
North Georgia.....	158	2716	18	158	74	2033	11	208	4739	111	7	2	1	1	726
North Mississippi.....	54	1264	16	278	15	541	2	159	1805	20	3	....	5	....	259
North Texas.....	48	1095	8	160	6	214	1	80	1309	37	....	....	....	....	114
North-west Texas.....	20	450	8	95	10	341	6	20	791	15	3	....	....	....	92
Pacific.....	9	223	5	87	3	130	2	83	53	1	....	....	....	....	79
South Carolina.....	131	2554	9	148	54	1688	11	186	4242	68	5	1	4	....	746
South Georgia.....	133	2773	37	673	48	1243	12	281	4016	8	....	....	2	....	665
South-west Missouri.....	84	1331	17	224	41	1128	11	187	2459	140	....	2	10	5	300
St. Louis.....	17	610	4	100	15	540	7	200	1150	36	....	....	4	1	210
Tennessee.....	62	1443	20	374	25	996	11	221	2439	111	2	....	6	....	283
Texas.....	32	687	8	224	11	249	7	112	936	24	1	....	....	....	377
Virginia.....	75	2099	11	286	5	200	3	81	2299	13	....	....	1	1	496
Western.....	5	118	....	....	2	108	....	....	226	14	....	....	....	....	42
Western Virginia.....	30	416	3	18	14	241	2	20	657	24	1	....	....	....	63
West Texas.....	13	264	3	45	7	328	2	50	592	13	....	....	....	....	70
White River.....	3	59	....	....	1	28	....	....	87	1	....	....	....	....	10
Total.....	1649	33,686	338	553	750	23,097	216	4997	56,783	1205	39	9	55	13	8755

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1887-8.

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1887.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

May	6.	Received of Mrs. J. W. Menefee, for China.....	\$	50	00	
June	27.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer		441	23	
Aug.	12.	Received of E. E. Cowan, from Monroeville Society.....		1	65	
Sept.	26.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer		433	60	
Dec.	24.	By same		512	04	
1888.						
Jan.	10.	Received of P. M. Guthrie, from Havana Society.....		20	00	
	21.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer		30	00	
Feb.	7.	Received of Mrs. G. S. Cameron, Troy, Ala. (proceeds of quilt).....		31	75	
				1	00	
March	7.	Received of Mrs. M. M. Odom, from Stockton Society.....		16	00	
	7.	Received of D. C. Cook, from Society at Hurtsboro		842	97—	\$ 2,380 29
	26.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer..... (\$80 of above for scholarships; \$50 for Home and School; \$73.61 mite-box collections; \$70 for Kading work; \$31.75 for Rio College; \$10 for Harrell Institute; \$279.80 self-denial offerings.)				

1887.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

April	16.	Received of Mrs. T. K. May, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	61	20	
June	30.	By same		35	45	
Sept.	24.	By same		40	97	
Dec.	5.	By same		73	78	
1888.						
Jan.	7.	Received of Mrs. B. M. Downing, Wooster, Arkansas		5	00	
March	30.	Received of Mrs. T. K. May, Conference Treasurer..... (\$40 of above from T. Parke, for scholarship.)		86	80—	803 20

1887.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

June	27.	Received of Miss M. Baker, Conference Treasurer	\$	805	72	
July	7.	By same		11	00	
Oct.	3.	By same		305	45	
Nov.	28.	By same		450	00	
Dec.	24.	By same		443	27	
1888.						
Jan.	10.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Winch, Alexandria, Va.....		10	00	
Mar	'30.	Received of Miss M. Baker, Conference Treasurer..... (\$600 of above for sending out new missionaries; \$143 for scholarships; \$25.50 for training Bible-women in China; \$14.67 mite-box collections; \$315.86 self-de- nial offerings; \$650 Laredo building; \$16 for work at Kading; \$9 for Harrell Institute.)		1,458	40—	3,483 93

1887.

DENVER CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. J. B. Nutter.....	\$	16	00	
	27.	Received per Mrs. Chamberlain, from Mrs. Morrison..... (\$50 of above for Shanghai Home and School; \$50 for scholarship in Miss Rankin's school.)		100	00	
Sept.	24.	Received of Mrs. J. B. Nutter, Conference Treasurer.....		18	55	
Dec.	24.	By same.....		31	00	
1888.						
Feb	21.	By same.....		21	40	
	21.	Received of Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Pueblo Auxiliary..... (\$21.40 of above self-denial offerings.)		4	05—	191 00

Amount carried forward..... \$ 6,358 42

Amount brought forward..... \$ 6,358 42

1887. EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June 21.	Received of Mrs. Dorongh, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 44 45	
July 2.	By same.....	25 75	
Sept. 22.	By same.....	19 00	
Oct. 3.	By same.....	32 50	
Dec. 12.	By same.....	165 00	
19.	By same.....	33 10	
1888.			
Jan. 17.	By same.....	7 00	
20.	By same.....	39 50	
Feb. 7.	By same.....	12 55—	378 85
	(\$31.40 of above self-denial offerings.)		

1887. FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Mrs. S. A. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer..	\$ 400 00	
Aug. 30.	By same.....	23 60	
Sept. 2.	By same.....	10 00	
17.	By same.....	40 00	
26.	By same.....	350 00	
Dec. 26.	By same.....	550 00	
1888.			
March 23.	By same.....	600 00—	1,973 60
	(\$240.70 of above for Miss Mitchell; \$56.33 mite-box collections; \$153.49 self-denial offerings; \$10 Home and School.)		

1887. HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer..	\$ 474 19	
Oct. 4.	By same.....	430 61	
18.	By same.....	411 91	
Dec. 21.	Received of Florence Penland, Philadelphia, Tenn.....	2 00	
19.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer..	563 97	
1888.			
Jan. 19.	By same.....	184 60	
March 22.	By same.....	1,428 12	
26.	Received of a friend, Abingdon, Va.....	60 00	
28.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.	24 15—	3,579 55
	(\$220 of above for day-schools in China; \$50 for Rio College; \$80 for scholarships; \$60 for sending out new missionaries; \$21.04 mite-box collections; \$542.33 self-denial offerings.)		

1887. INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Jan. 27.	Received of Miss Ida Bolander, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 8 50	
July 7.	By same.....	5 00	
Sept. 24.	By same.....	11 75	
Dec. 24.	By same.....	44 96	
1888.			
Jan. 2.	Received, through Mrs. McGavock, from pupils of Harrell Institute.....	5 00	
March 21.	Received of Miss Ida Bolander, Conference Treasurer.....	42 50—	117 71
	(\$30.71 of above self-denial offerings.)		

1887. KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

June 21.	Received of Mrs. N. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 654 38	
Sept. 17.	By same.....	513 98	
Dec. 15.	By same.....	519 62	
1888.			
March 19.	By same.....	1,330 12—	3,018 10
	(\$400.35 of above self-denial offerings; \$31.81 mite-box collections; \$58 for Laredo building; \$92.40 for sending out new missionaries; \$35 for Harrell Institute; \$24.15 for Home and School.)		

1887. LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Sept. 24.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer..	\$ 102 85	
Dec. 19.	By same.....	494 94	
1888.			
March 30.	By same.....	153 40—	751 19
	(\$10 of above for Home and School; \$56.50 self-denial offerings; \$47.50 for Japanese boys.)		

Amount carried forward..... \$ 16,177 42

Amount brought forward		\$ 16,177 42	
1887.	LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.		
June 27.	Received of Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Conference Treasurer....\$	54 50	
	28. By same.....	25 80	
Oct. 3.	By same.....	84 35	
Dec. 31.	Received of Mrs. C. H. Conson.....	41 30	
	31. Received of Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Conference Treasurer.....	73 69	
1888.			
March 26.	By same.....	94 26—	373 90
	(\$79.96 of above self-denial offerings; \$17.08 mite-box collections; \$10 for Home and School; \$44.50 for Campbell Fund.)		
1887.	LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.		
July 7.	Received of Mrs. J. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer..\$	208 53	
Dec. 24.	By same.....	503 50	
1888.			
April 2.	By same.....	382 30—	1,094 83
	(\$13.15 of above mite-box collections; \$142.25 self-denial offerings.)		
1887.	LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.		
July 7.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....\$	843 71	
Sept. 22.	By same.....	377 67	
Dec. 23.	By same.....	459 36	
1888.			
March 21.	By same	1,069 22—	2,749 96
	(\$30 of above for Home and School; \$60 for Rehoboth School; \$120 for scholarships; \$72.36 mite-box collections; \$187.89 self-denial offerings; \$105.92 for Laredo Building.)		
1887.	MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.		
June 21.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer....\$	674 30	
Sept. 17.	By same.....	491 00	
	29. By same.....	40 00	
1888.			
Jan. 2.	By same.....	691 61	
March 29.	By same.....	624 73—	2,521 64
	(\$267.45 of above for Miss Kerr's expenses; \$65 mite-box collections; \$390.38 for the Dora Rankin Fund; \$44.99 for scholarships; \$381.13 self-denial offerings.)		
1887.	MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.		
April 20.	Received of Miss Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer....\$	20 50	
June 25.	By same.....	225 01	
Aug. 22.	By same.....	28 00	
	30. Received of Mrs. Z. A. Lewis.....	43 50	
Sept. 2.	Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer.....	10 00	
Oct. 3.	By same.....	206 36	
1888.			
Jan. 2.	Received of Mrs T. S. West.....	5 00	
	5. Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer...	265 22	
	7. Received of Mrs. Annie Batte.....	5 00	
	25. Received of Mrs. F. Holmes.....	1 00	
March 30.	Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer...	704 54—	1,514 13
	(\$197.30 of above for Miss Hughes; \$1.70 for Home and School; \$44.96 mite-box collections; \$129.70 self-denial offerings; \$70 for Laredo building; \$6.15 for Miss Rankin; \$6.25 for scholarship.)		
1887.	MISSOURI CONFERENCE.		
July 2.	Received of Mrs. R. P. Williams, Conference Treasurer..\$	387 09	
Sept. 22.	Received of Mrs. T. A. Wills, Turney Station.....	1 00	
Oct. 4.	Received of Mrs. R. P. Williams, Conference Treasurer..	308 08	
1888.			
Jan. 7.	By same.....	501 51	
March 28.	By same.....	596 23—	1,793 91
	(\$20 of above for Home and School; \$75 from Mrs. Hendrix for Kading; \$5 for Miss Marvin; \$20.78 mite-box collections; \$111.25 self-denial offerings; \$100 for Laredo building; set of furniture sent Miss Bruce; box of clothing sent to Laredo Seminary.)		
Amount carried forward.....		\$ 26,225 79	

Amount brought forward..... \$ 26,225 79

1887. NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June 21.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 191 41	
Sept. 26.	By same.....	304 61	
Dec. 21.	By same.....	690 47	
1888.			
March 21.	By same.....	657 74--	1,844 22
	(\$55 of above for Home and School; \$5 for Miss Dora Rankin's picture; \$10.95 for scholarship; \$111.55 mite-box collections; \$190.55 self-denial offerings.)		

1887. NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

June 21.	Received of Mrs. W. C. Norman, Conference Treasurer...	\$ 442 71	
Sept. 19.	By same.....	155 51	
Oct. 18.	By same.....	318 06	
Nov. 6.	Received of Miss M. E. Carter, Conference Treasurer....	849 91	
1888.			
March 31.	By same.....	873 80--	2,639 99
	(\$141.11 of above for Home and School; \$58.60 for new missionaries; \$67.93 for Rio College; \$34.60 for Memorial Fund; \$67.95 mite-box collections; \$336.21 self-denial offerings; \$69 for Laredo building.)		

1887. NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

July 14.	Received of Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer...	\$ 792 00	
21.	By same.....	90 00	
Oct. 3.	Received of Miss Genie Turner, McDonough, Ga.....	8 00	
3.	Received of Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer..	1,107 20	
Dec. 31.	By same.....	1,521 10	
1888.			
Feb. 3.	Received of Luther C. Ray, Griffin, Ga.....	1 00	
April 2.	Received of Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer..	2,270 50--	5,789 80
	(\$34.60 of above for Home and School; \$39.35 for scholarships; \$255.60 mite-box collections; \$184.25 self-denial offerings; \$50 for day-school; \$379.55 for new missionaries; \$150.15 for buggy for Miss Watts; \$12 for Mrs. Campbell's work.)		

1887. NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

May 17.	Received of a friend, through Dr. Fitzgerald.....	\$ 1 00	
July 2.	Received of Miss Sallie Rives, through Dr. Fitzgerald....	3 25	
July 9.	Received of Miss Mollie A. Clark, Conference Treasurer..	604 15	
Oct. 5.	By same.....	853 06	
1888.			
Jan. 10.	By same.....	362 55	
Feb. 15.	Received of Mrs. T. L. Raiford, Como.....	5 00	
March 31.	Received of Miss Mollie A. Clark, Conference Treasurer...	908 16--	2,737 17
	(\$40 of above for Home and School; \$80 for scholarships; \$35.75 for Miss Gordon; \$114.36 mite-box collections; \$375.05 self-denial offerings; \$10 for Laredo building.)		

1887. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Mrs. S. C. Riddle, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 235 96	
Sept. 30.	Received of Mrs. Wm. A. Allen, Conference Treasurer...	190 00	
Dec. 31.	By same.....	300 00	
1888.			
March 28.	By same.....	319 83--	1,045 79
	(\$52.60 of above for Home and School; \$55 mite-box collections; \$67.97 self-denial offerings; \$3.16 for Laredo building; box of clothing sent to Laredo.)		

1887. NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June 30.	Received of Mrs. S. C. Lambdin, Conference Treasurer...	\$ 125 00	
Oct. 5.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	116 90	
Dec. 24.	By same.....	111 85	
1888.			
Jan. 3.	Received of Lizzie Cox.....	1 03	
March 23.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	175 67--	530 45
	(\$1 of above for Memorial Fund; \$34.77 mite-box collections; \$69.35 self-denial offerings.)		

Amount carried forward..... \$ 40,813 22

1887. Amount brought forward.....\$ 40,813 22

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

April 16. Received of Mrs. G. W. Fentress, Conference Treasurer...\$ 30 55
 June 25. By same..... 12 70
 Sept. 24. By same..... 59 30
 Dec. 15. By same..... 60 30
 26. By same..... 16 00

1888.
 March 27. By same..... 132 00— 310 85
 (\$6.85 of above mite-box collections; \$64.85 self-denial offerings.)

1887. SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

July 9. Received of Miss I. D. Martin, Conference Treasurer...\$ 677 13
 Oct. 29. Received of Miss Annie Warren, Conference Treasurer... 560 01

1888.
 Jan. 9. By same..... 1,000 34
 10. By same..... 11 50
 March 6. By same..... 200 00
 April 2. By same..... 1,414 33— 3,863 31
 (\$120 of above for scholarships; \$28.03 for Home and School; \$227.22 mite-box collections; \$291.37 self-denial offerings; \$200 for Miss Brown; \$250 sent direct to Miss Brown by Conference Treasurer.)

1887. SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

June 27. Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer...\$ 712 00
 Oct. 7. By same..... 902 63
 Dec. 31. By same..... 1,037 54

1888.
 Jan. 6. Received per Dr. Allen, birth-day gift..... 3 00
 March 2. Received of Miss Mary Puke, Treasurer of Boston Society.. 4 25
 April 2. Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.. 1,273 20— 3,932 62
 (\$271.30 of above for Home and School; \$180.28 for scholarships; \$268.48 self-denial offerings; \$10.80 for Harrell Institute; \$5 for Miss Haygood.)

1887. SOUTH-WEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June 21. Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer...\$ 837 79
 Sept. 17. By same..... 871 22
 22. Received of A. S. Van Anglen, from Marshall Sunday-school..... 62 20
 Oct. 12. Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer..... 157 87
 Dec. 19. By same..... 505 63

1888.
 March 31. By same..... 1,209 74— 3,644 45
 (\$40 of above for Rio College; \$242.62 for new missionaries; \$226.29 for scholarships; \$208.85 for Soochow Hospital; \$184.57 for Home and School; \$50 for Kading; \$3 from Mrs. Bowman; \$21.23 mite-box collections; \$480.65 self-denial offerings; \$8.65 for Miss Roberts.)

1887. ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

April 30. Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer...\$ 21 00
 June 9. By same..... 793 8
 Sept. 22. By same..... 189 6
 Dec. 20. By same..... 420 95

1888.
 Jan. 27. By same..... 100 00
 March 30. By same..... 590 54— 2,115 98
 (\$389.19 of above for Rio College; \$100 for scholarships; \$5 for Memorial Fund; \$21 for Harrell Institute; \$230.50 for Miss Marvin's expenses; \$19.83 mite-box collections; \$100 self-denial offerings; \$98.83 for Laredo buildings; \$53.73 for Kading.)

1887. TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

June 6. Received of Mrs. Mary Reese.....\$ 10 75
 July 2. Received of Mrs. P. A. Sowell, Conference Treasurer..... 613 50
 Sept. 22. Received of Mrs. J. L. Parkes, Franklin, Tennessee..... 13 85
 30. Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer... 700 46
 Oct. 25. By same..... 950 00
 Dec. 21. By same..... 574 70
 31. Received of Mrs. S. A. Taylor..... 10 00

Amounts carried forward.....\$ 2,873 66 \$ 54,680 38

1888.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$ 2,373 66	\$ 54,680 38
Feb. 14.	Received of Miss Florence Irvin, McMinnville Juvenile Society.....	5 00	
23.	Received of Annie M. Hough, Manchester Society.....	3 25	
March 20.	Received of Miss Eva Sowell, Williamsport Society.....	10 00	
30.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer..	2,030 00—	4,921 91
	(\$60 of above for scholarships; \$1,200 for Misses Roberts, Reagan, and Lipscomb; \$41.86 for Home and School; \$40 for Mrs. Parker's school; \$4.30 for Rio College; \$156.97 mite-box collections; \$702.91 self-denial offerings; \$100 for Laredo.)		

1887.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June 4.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 140 15	
Sept. 17.	By same.....	189 42	
Dec. 10.	Received of Mrs. S. E. Fallin, Conference Treasurer.....	106 00	
23.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	298 43	
1888.			
Jan. 21.	By same.....	13 50	
Feb. 29.	By same.....	126 00	
March 17.	By same.....	210 35	
19.	By same.....	10 00—	1,093 85
	(\$5 of above for Home and School; \$2 for Harrell Institute; \$42.74 mite-box collections; \$31.85 self-denial offerings; \$385.55 Laredo building.)		

1887.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

April 26.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 83 50	
June 30.	By same.....	584 68	
July 2.	By same.....	30 88	
Oct. 3.	By same.....	615 53	
15.	By same.....	33 67	
1888.			
Jan. 2.	Received of Mrs. Jennie P. Flood.....	8 00	
5.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	998 05	
5.	By same.....	119 53	
1888.			
March 31.	By same.....	777 63	
April 4.	By same.....	67 00—	3,313 47
	(\$20.58 of above for Home and School; \$128.05 for new missionaries; \$120 for scholarships; \$18 for lot in Brazil; \$155.46 mite-box collections; \$359.26 self-denial offerings.)		

1887.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

April 20.	Received of Mrs. R. P. Alexander, Conference Treasurer..	\$ 49 75	
July 7.	Received of Mrs. H. T. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	66 00	
Sept. 24.	By same.....	100 65	
Nov. 21.	By same.....	129 00	
Dec. 26.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Rogan, Conference Treasurer.....	109 50	
1888.			
March 23.	By same.....	115 30—	570 20
	(\$57.75 of above for scholarships; \$10.90 mite-box collections; \$84.70 self-denial offerings; \$133 for Laredo building.)		

1887.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Miss Addie M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 68 01	
July 7.	By same.....	30 13	
Sept. 29.	By same.....	303 31	
1888.			
Jan. 2.	By same.....	105 00	
9.	By same.....	63 41	
March 29.	By same.....	136 53	
April 2.	By same.....	10 23—	716 72
	(\$11 of above for grave at Shanghai; \$6.50 mite-box collections; \$28.21 self-denial offerings; \$209.27 for Laredo building.)		

1887.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

June 30.	Received of Mrs. Mary E. Barker, Conference Treasurer....	\$ 33 60	
Sept. 22.	By same.....	44 50	
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$ 78 10	\$ 65,301 53

1887.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$ 78 10	65,301 53
Dec. 24.	Received of Mrs. Mary E. Baker, Conference Treasurer...	52 55	
1888.			
March 26.	By same..... (50 cents of above self-denial offering.)	31 71—	162 36

1887. WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

Sept. 17.	Received of E. M. Pipkin, P. C., from Society at Searcy, Arkansas.....	\$ 20 00	
17.	Received of Mary A. Neill, from Batesville Societies.....	25 00	
Dec. 15.	By same.....	32 00	
1888.			
March 24.	Received of Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Conference Treasurer... (\$8 of above mite-box collections; \$8.50 self-denial offerings.)	69 35—	146 35

1887. SPECIALS.

Aug. 30.	Received of Mr. and Mrs. Langree, Oregon.....	\$ 2 00	
Oct. 14.	Interest on deposits to date.....	391 37	
Nov. 8.	Received of Mrs. John M. Barker, Danville, Missouri.....	3 75	
Dec. 17.	Received of D. C. Kelley, Centenary Fund for Rio College..	3,436 96	
10.	Received of Ada M. Bond, from Santa Marie Lake Society.....	5 00	
1888.			
Jan. 17.	Received of Mrs. McGavock, from Miss L. R., self-denial offering.....	5 00	
April 7.	Interest on deposits to date.....	275 33—	4,119 41
Total receipts.....		\$	69,729 65

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1887.			
May	7.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	\$ 50 00
June	24.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, outfit of Misses Gordon, Kerr, and Lipscomb.....	600 00
	24.	Paid same Miss Marvin's traveling expenses to Brazil.....	250 00
	25.	Paid traveling expenses of officers and managers to Annual Meeting Woman's Board of Missions	185 15
July	2.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, fourth quarter for China.....	3,563 75
	2.	Paid same, second payment, and repairs on Rio College.....	9,000 00
	2.	Paid same, for Piracicaba College.....	968 75
	2.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Mexican Border Mission, and scholar- ships.....	1,235 00
	2.	Paid same, salaries of Misses Holding.....	337 50
	2.	Paid same, salary of Miss Wolfe.....	150 00
	2.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Indian Mission, and scholarships.....	328 25
July	7.	Paid J. D. Hamilton, for mite-boxes.....	53 39
	9.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	50 00
	11.	M'lle M. Rennotte, to purchase desks for Piracicaba College.....	300 00
June	14.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, outfit of Misses Reagan and Hughes.....	400 00
	24.	Paid same, traveling expenses of M'lle Rennotte to Brazil.....	250 00
July	12.	Paid Corresponding Secretary, for clerical help.....	37 50
	21.	Paid Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....	90 00
Aug.	4.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Harrell Institute.....	500 00
	20.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, traveling expenses of five mission- aries to China.....	2,000 00
	30.	Paid Misses Brown and Mitchell's college expenses, medical course.....	400 00
Sept.	22.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for China Mission.....	9,588 81
	22.	Paid same, for Piracicaba College.....	450 00
	22.	Paid same, for Rio College.....	6,375 00
	22.	Paid same, for Laredo Seminary.....	2,437 50
	22.	Paid same, for Saltillo, Mexico.....	125 00
	22.	Paid same, for Indian Mission.....	375 00
	22.	Paid same, for one-half of salary of Miss Wolfe.....	75 00
Oct.	6.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary.....	47 50
	10.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for leaflets.....	173 68
	21.	Paid Miss Emma Mitchell.....	73 60
Nov.	7.	Paid G. W. F. Price.....	6 05
	7.	Paid Mrs. Isaac Hughes, New York City.....	46 54
	11.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	100 00
	11.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Laredo building.....	2,210 12
	29.	Paid same, for Laredo building.....	567 80
Dec.	10.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	150 00
	10.	Paid same, for Harrell Institute.....	61 36
	10.	Paid J. D. Hamilton, for mite-boxes.....	49 75
	17.	Paid same, for Piracicaba College.....	292 50
	17.	Paid same, for salary of M'lle Rennotte.....	187 50
	17.	Paid same, for Rio College.....	3,811 96
	22.	Paid same, for Laredo Seminary.....	1,575 00
	22.	Paid same, second quarter for China.....	3,376 75
	22.	Paid same, for Saltillo, Mexico.....	312 50
	22.	Paid same, for Harrell Institute.....	125 00
	24.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary, office expenses..	47 50
	24.	Paid Brandon Printing Company, for type writer.....	100 00
1888.			
Jan.	10.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	12 61
	13.	Paid J. D. Barbee, printing, postage, etc.....	475 79
	14.	Paid Misses Brown and Mitchell.....	400 00
	17.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Laredo Seminary.....	370 16
	17.	Paid same, for Harrell Institute.....	71 60
	24.	Paid to Miss E. M. Baker, Treasurer Memorial Fund.....	35 60
	24.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyre, Treasurer, office expenses.....	5 00

Amount carried forward.....\$ 54,861 47

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1888.	Amount brought forward.....	\$ 51,861 47
Feb.	11. Paid Miss Wolfe one-half salary.....	75 00
	11. Paid Miss Lochie Rankin, for Kading.....	30 00
	23. Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for medical work in China.....	122 00
March	5. Paid Miss Holding, for Laredo building.....	139 50
	15. Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for lot at Laredo.....	200 00
	15. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary.....	47 50
	21. Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for printing, postage, etc.....	364 89
April	4. Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, third quarter for China.....	3,376 75
	4. Paid same for Kading.....	159 73
	4. Paid same, for Laredo Seminary.....	2,183 15
	4. Paid same, for Harrell Institute.....	311 67
	4. Paid same, for salary of M ^{lle} Rennotte.....	187 50
	4. Paid same, third quarter for Piracicaba.....	262 50
	4. Paid same, for Rio College.....	375 00
	4. Paid same, for Saltillo, Mexico.....	312 50
	4. Paid same, one-half salary for Miss Wolfe.....	75 00
	4. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	88
	4. Paid Mrs. F. A. Butler, for <i>Woman's Missionary Advocate</i>	3 25
	Total credits.....	\$ 63,088 29

RECAPITULATION.

Amount brought forward from last annual report.....	\$ 30,111 55
Amount received this fiscal year.....	69,729 65
Total.....	\$ 99,841 20
Amount paid out this fiscal year.....	63,088 29
Balance in Bank April 9, 1888.....	36,752 91
Amount collected by mite-boxes.....	\$ 1,725 32
Amount collected during week of prayer and self-denial.....	6,813 77

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79.....	\$ 4,011 27
1879-80.....	13,775 97
1880-81.....	19,332 10
1881-82.....	25,609 44
1882-83.....	20,647 31
1883-84.....	38,873 52
1884-85.....	52,652 12
1885-86.....	51,588 76
1886-87.....	50,092 63
1887-88.....	69,729 65
	\$ 355,345 77

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, Jr., *Treasurer*.

NASHVILLE, April 9, 1883.

To the Woman's Board of Missions:

The books of Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., Treasurer, I have carefully examined, and find correct in all particulars, with vouchers on file for all disbursements made. Very respectfully,

J. D. HAMILTON, *Auditor*.

NASHVILLE, April 23, 1887.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,380 29	North Georgia Conference.....	\$ 5,789 80
Arkansas Conference.....	303 20	North Mississippi Conference.....	2,737 17
Baltimore Conference.....	3,483 93	North Texas Conference.....	1,045 79
Denver Conference.....	191 00	North-west Texas Conference.....	530 45
East Texas Conference.....	378 85	Pacific Conference.....	310 85
Florida Conference.....	1,973 60	South Carolina Conference.....	3,863 31
Holston Conference.....	3,579 65	South Georgia Conference.....	3,932 62
Indian Mission Conference.....	117 71	South-west Missouri Conference.....	3,644 45
Kentucky Conference.....	3,018 10	St. Louis Conference.....	2,115 93
Little Rock Conference.....	751 19	Tennessee Conference.....	4,921 91
Louisiana Conference.....	1,094 83	Texas Conference.....	1,093 85
Louisville Conference.....	2,749 96	Virginia Conference.....	3,318 47
Los Angeles Conference.....	373 90	West Texas Conference.....	570 20
Memphis Conference.....	2,521 64	Western Conference.....	162 36
Mississippi Conference.....	1,514 13	Western Virginia Conference.....	716 72
Missouri Conference.....	1,793 91	White River Conference.....	146 35
North Alabama Conference.....	1,844 23	Specials.....	4,119 41
North Carolina Conference.....	2,639 99	Total.....	\$69,729 65

REPORT OF MEMORIAL FUND.

Receipts from May 1, 1887, to April 1, 1888.

Alabama Conference Society.....	\$ 23 10	North Texas Conference Society.....	\$ 12 35
Arkansas Conference Society.....	1 00	North-west Texas Conference Society.....	1 00
Baltimore Conference Society.....	11 75	South Carolina Conference Society.....	1 25
East Texas Conference Society.....	18 50	South Georgia Conference Society.....	5 75
Holston Conference Society.....	11 00	St. Louis Conference Society.....	5 00
Little Rock Conference Society.....	22 00	Tennessee Conference Society.....	1 00
Louisiana Conference Society.....	1 00	Texas Conference Society.....	6 00
Louisville Conference Society.....	22 50	West Texas Conference Society.....	1 00
Memphis Conference Society.....	6 85		
Mississippi Conference Society.....	6 85		\$ 218 75
Missouri Conference Society.....	1 15	Amount previously reported.....	1,303 56
North Carolina Conference Society.....	30 60	Interest on deposit January 1, 1888.....	33 14
North Georgia Conference Society.....	19 10	Total receipts.....	\$1,555 45
North Mississippi Conference Society.....	10 00		

Miss M. BAKER, *Treasurer Memorial Fund.*

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S * BOARD * OF * MISSIONS,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

THE official report of a missionary meeting is at best only the body without the *spirit*, even as houses of marble, stone, or wood are but the outward semblance of the *homes* they represent. In cities dwellings in stately rows differ little from one another externally, yet how unlike the homes enshrined within! Even so it is with the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions. Year after year the officers remain the same; the hymns, the prayers, and order of business seem but links in an endless chain of routine; the Minutes of past years, with but few verbal changes, seem available for each succeeding meeting; and yet, to those who have the privilege of entering within, each has its marked individuality. Alike outwardly, each differs from all that have gone before it, and is illumined and glorified by a spirit peculiarly its own.

The meetings of which no record is kept, where heart beats to heart and eye speaks to eye, while the Master meets with his disciples as they talk to one another of him by the way; the power that comes to each worker through interchange of thought, and the encouragement and cheer gained from the annual survey of the whole work—these contain the life-essence, which can not be imprisoned in the printed page.

Such characteristics bore the tenth annual session, amid which some features were so notable that the record would be incomplete without their mention.

The tenth anniversary was an epoch. Honored by the presence of the College of Bishops and the Board of Missions, the occasion was worthy the Woman's Missionary Society and its guests. The annual reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer showed progress in every department, and the address of Dr. Young J. Allen, a missionary for nearly thirty years in Shanghai, China, on the work of the Woman's Board in that field, did honor to the speaker and the Society. The Board showed its appreciation of Dr. Allen by contributing \$300 to make him an honorary life-patron.

A second lecture by Dr. Allen, on "An Unwritten Chapter in Chinese History," was full of information, and enchained the interest and attention of all thoughtful auditors.

The missionary love-feast was the usual happy exchange of thought and expression as to "what we have done for the Woman's Missionary Society and what it has done for us." In the anniversary sermon by Bishop Granbery, at McKendree Church, on Sunday at 11 A.M., the preaching was "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." The annual celebration of the Lord's-supper, which followed the sermon, was an earnest of the "marriage supper of the Lamb," unto which will gather all the followers of our Lord Christ.

Two scenes await record that time will not soon efface from memory. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Nashville College for Young Ladies held its monthly meeting in the college chapel on Saturday, May 5, at 8 P.M., and invited the presence of the Woman's Board of Missions. An audience of several hundred assembled, and saw an ideal missionary meeting. At the stroke of eight one hundred young girls filed in and quietly took their seats, the officers of the Society taking their seats on the platform. The meeting was called to order and the business conducted with a method and precision evincing acquaintance with parliamentary usage. Every detail, from roll-call to adjournment—the prayer of the fair young President (which evoked "God bless her!" from older hearts), the Scripture responses at roll-call, the hymns, the reports, recitations, and addresses—reflected credit on the Society. Would that in every college in the land might be formed such a model Auxiliary! On the completion of the regular programme, the President, Vice-president, and other members of the Board were called to address the young ladies—an easy task, with such inspiration to give speech wings.

The other scene is difficult to frame in language. Within the chancel of McKendree Church a group of kneeling women—the central figures two missionaries; one, the daughter of a Bishop of our Church, a newly-accepted missionary of the Woman's Board; the other, a returned missionary, tested by seven years' faithful service—while the wife of one of the Bishops invoked God's benediction on those missionaries, on the Woman's Missionary Society, and its workers in the home and foreign field. Verily, that prayer reached heaven and took hold on the heart of the Father, for the answer came in pentecostal blessing.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

OPENING SESSION.

The opening session of the tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday, May 3, 1888, at 8 P.M.

PROGRAMME.

1. HYMN: "Watchman, tell us of the night." Choir and congregation.

1. PRAYER. Bishop Granbery.

3. SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

4. VOCAL DUET: "The Missionary's Call."

5. ADDRESS OF WELCOME. Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

6. RESPONSE. Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Macon, Ga.

7. ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT. Mrs. Juliana Hayes.

8. DOXOLOGY.

9. BENEDICTION.

This meeting of the Woman's Board seemed notable, in that it completed the first decade of the Woman's Missionary Society. The welcome which had greeted the Board in many cities of the Southland never sounded more sweetly than when spoken by the Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., of Nashville. Golden words were they, bearing the impress of the true heart-coin. No less beautiful and appropriate was the response by Mrs. J. B. Cobb, of Macon, Ga.

The annual address of the President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, was heard with attention, and when its closing words made known that the occasion was the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of the honored President, the occasion seemed doubly memorable.

The "Willing Hands," a Juvenile Missionary Society of McKendree Church, paid a pleasing and very graceful compliment to Mrs. Hayes by presenting her with a choice floral emblem—an exquisite fan resting on an easel. The presentation was made by Rev. B. F. Haynes, pastor of McKendree, and responded to by Mrs. Hayes most beautifully, while from the hearts of her co-workers rose thanks to

God for her long and useful life, with the prayer that the days yet remaining to her may be glorified by the shining of God's love in her soul.

The doxology and benediction by Rev. B. F. Haynes closed the meeting. A season of greeting and exchange of social courtesies followed, while the organ breathed forth wonderful music responsive to the touch of the skillful organist, Mrs. Blandner. Then the workers separated, to meet on the morrow.

BUSINESS SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

At 9:30 A.M. on Friday, May 4, 1888, the Woman's Board of Missions convened in McKendree Church, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President, in the chair. Thirty-four members were present.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President. Fervor and earnestness marked the half-hour of worship.

At 10 A.M. the business of the session began. The roll was called, and the Rules of Order read by the Secretary. All of the officers and Managers were present except Miss Baker, Manager, representing the eastern section. Eighteen Conference Societies were represented by their Secretaries, seven sent reserves, and nine were without representation. The Board as enrolled stood as follows:

Officers.

Mrs. Juliana Hayes,	Mrs. M. D. Wightman,
Mrs. D. H. McGavock,	Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr.,
Miss Maria L. Gibson.	

Managers.

Mrs. L. H. McHenry,	Mrs. E. C. Dowdell,
Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngnam,	Mrs. I. G. John,
Mrs. Adam Hendrix.	

Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Mrs. E. F. Chilton,	Mrs. J. C. Barclay,
Mrs. J. A. Peebles (alternate),	Miss Laura Bradford,
Mrs. F. E. Bond,	Mrs. J. B. Chatfield (alternate),
Mrs. F. E. Heartsill,	Mrs. F. H. Montague,
Mrs. H. B. Frazee (alternate),	Mrs. Anson West (alternate),
Mrs. Mary Ray (alternate),	Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,
Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,	Mrs. M. Callaway,
Mrs. J. R. Harvey,	Mrs. H. B. Terry (alternate),
Mrs. C. J. Foster,	Mrs. F. E. Howell,

Mrs. S. V. Griffis,	Mrs. J. B. Cobb,
Mrs. J. W. Humbert,	Mrs. E. Avis,
Mrs. L. W. Plummer,	Mrs. S. S. Park,
Mrs. L. L. Bayley (alternate),	Miss Lida Moore.

A pleasant and pretty innovation was introduced when Mrs. Cun-
nyingham asked leave to present to the Board Misses Woolwine and
Keith, who would act as *pages* to the members for the day.

The minutes of the opening session were read and adopted.

The Standing Committees presented by the Nominating Commit-
tee were approved, as follows:

Committee on Missionary Candidates.

Mrs. M. D. WIGHTMAN, Chairman.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,	Mrs. J. B. Cobb,
Mrs. I. G. John,	Mrs. S. S. Park,
Mrs. F. E. Bond,	Mrs. F. E. Howell,
Mrs. F. H. Montague,	Mrs. H. B. Frazee.

Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. D. H. McGAVOCK, Chairman.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyingham,	Mrs. E. F. Chilton,
Mrs. J. R. Harvey,	Mrs. A. Hendrix,
Mrs. M. Callaway,	Mrs. J. W. Humbert,
Miss Laura Bradford.	

Committee on Finance.

Mrs. E. C. DOWDELL, Chairman.

Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr.,	Mrs. J. C. Barclay,
Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,	Mrs. C. J. Foster,
Mrs. Mary Ray,	Mrs. J. A. Peebles,
Mrs. J. B. Chatfield.	

Committee on Publication.

MISS LIDA MOORE, Chairman.

Mrs. F. E. Heartsill,	Mrs. E. Avis,
Mrs. Anson West,	Mrs. S. V. Griffis,
Mrs. L. L. Bayley,	Mrs. L. H. McHenry,
Mrs. H. B. Terry.	

Mrs. Cunnyingham offered the following resolution, which was
adopted unanimously:

*“Resolved, That the Recording Secretary, on behalf of this Board,
send a written invitation to the College of Bishops and to the Board
of Missions requesting them to attend the exercises of its tenth an-
versary, to be held this evening in McKendree Church.”*

Alternates were requested to present their credentials to the Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Park presented Miss Rebecca Toland, missionary of the Board in the Mexican Border Mission. It was with peculiar pleasure that the Board greeted Miss Toland, who for the first time in seven years had laid down her work for a season of rest, much needed and well deserved.

Miss Mary Mason, of Catlettsburg, Ky., was also introduced, and was cordially greeted by the Board, which is indebted to her for a year of voluntary service for the Master in Laredo Seminary.

Mrs. McHenry introduced fraternal delegates and visitors as follows: Mrs. F. H. Manlove, representing the Woman's Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Judge Baxter, delegate from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. These ladies spoke briefly, and their key-note of earnestness in Christian endeavor awoke an answering chord in the hearts of those who heard their words.

Mrs. Roberts, the honored mother of our Miss Kate Roberts, a noble representative of the Woman's Board in China, was introduced. As she, with voice broken with emotion, thanked God for her daughter and for the honor he had bestowed on her by calling her child to his work, saying, "Were he to call *all* my children I would give them to him gladly," many eyes were moist, as inwardly hearts that were touched joined in her ascription of praise and thanksgiving.

Mrs. Tucker, mother of a missionary in Brazil, and Mrs. Robert MacDonnell, the heroic wife of a noble missionary in Mexico, were greeted with pleasure. Miss Jennie Wolfe, who had been in the service of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Indian Territory for several years, received a cordial greeting. Miss Augusta Wilson, sister of Bishop A. W. Wilson, and Miss Ella Granbery, daughter of Bishop J. C. Granbery, who were present as missionary candidates, were introduced.

Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., to whom the Board is debtor for years of faithful attention as superintendent of its interests in China, was given glad welcome. Rev. D. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was also greeted with pleasure. A number of resident and visiting ministerial brethren were introduced, and after this pleasant interchange of courtesies the business was resumed.

The report of the Local Board was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE MONTHLY AND CALLED MEETINGS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

From June, 1887, to May, 1888.

The minutes of the meeting held in July, 1887, are on record, and will be given to the Board in executive session, in connection with resolutions passed at the meeting held in March, 1888.

Meetings were held in November and December. The sum of business transacted was to authorize the publication and wide distribution of a programme suitable for the week of prayer; to arrange for the purchase of a safe in which to deposit the records and valuable papers of the Woman's Missionary Society; to extend to Dr. Y. J. Allen an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, and present to its members a detailed account of its work in China. It was the pleasure of the Board also to invite Miss Rebecca Toland to be present at the annual meeting to be held in Nashville, Tenn. This invitation was given in the hope that the visit might prove a recreation and benefit to her, as well as in recognition of her seven years of diligent, faithful service, during which time her modesty has forbidden her ever asking a favor.

The health of the Corresponding Secretary making it necessary for her assistant to be at her side, and it being impossible for the Assistant Secretary, unaided, to do all the required writing, the Board authorized the purchase of a type-writer, as a help in performing the onerous task.

In March, 1888, the testimonials of several candidates were presented. Some were satisfactory but incomplete, and the papers were referred to the applicants with a request to have them completed for presentation to the Board in annual session.

Miss A. V. Wilson, of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Ella Granbery, of St. Louis, Mo., having presented papers that met the requirements of the manual, and both having given proof of their efficiency by work already performed, are hereby recommended for appointment—the former, Miss Wilson, to Harrell Institute, Indian Territory; the latter, Miss Granbery, as Assistant in Rio College, Miss Bruce, Principal.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM,
Recording Secretary pro tem.

The report of Miss M. Baker, Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, was read by the Secretary, Miss Baker being absent for the first time in ten years. Mrs. Bond, of Baltimore, Md., bore greetings to the Board from Miss Baker. In response, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

“Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure to the words of greeting from Miss M. Baker, borne to us by Mrs. Bond, and express our regret at her absence, and commission Mrs. Bond to bear to her a loving remembrance.

MRS. L. H. McHENRY,
MRS. E. C. DOWDELL.”

In answer to inquiries, Dr. Y. J. Allen made explanation as to the application made of the two thousand dollars forwarded to China

last year, out of the Memorial Fund, for the erection of a training-school for Bible-women.

The report of the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets was presented by Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

REPORT OF EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF LEAFLETS

From September, 1887, to September, 1888.

EDITORIAL WORK FOR THE YEAR.

By order of the Board twenty-four leaflets—twelve adult and twelve juvenile—have been published; also 5,500 adult and 2,000 juvenile programmes.

In addition, a leaflet entitled "The Week of Prayer: How Shall We Keep It?" was published and sent out, with the hope that it might present helpful suggestions to those who were inquiring what they must do during that week.

The editor is glad to report an increased demand for this class of literature, as an evidence of growing interest in this good cause among our people. Not only are our officers using more leaflets, but several pastors have purchased hundreds of copies for distribution in their congregations. This is encouraging.

STATEMENT.

Total number of programmes.....	30,000
Total number of leaflets.....	305,000
Total number of pages, including programmes and leaflets..	1,307,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation made by Board June, 1887.....	\$400 00
Amount expended for printing and mailing leaflets.....	368 24
Balance on hand.....	\$ 31 76

ADDENDUM.

Receipts from sale of leaflets to other Mission Boards.....	\$ 8 82
Amount expended in postage on leaflets to individuals	5 41
Balance.....	\$ 3 41

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNYNINGHAM.

A verbal report of the proceedings of the meeting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, held in McKendree Church on Thursday, May 3, 1888, was made by Miss Mary Helm.

The following resolutions adopted at that meeting were presented by Mrs. J. W. Humbert, and were adopted unanimously:

Whereas in all we do for Christ we need the guiding and quickening power of the Holy Spirit; and whereas we believe that the Father is willing to bestow the gift on all who ask for his presence, and have proved by experience the efficacy of a stated hour of prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit in the furtherance of our work; and whereas the week of prayer and self-denial appointed by the Woman's Board of Missions resulted in much grace and growth to the work; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we, as Conference Corresponding Secretaries, ask the

Woman's Board of Missions to fix the evening twilight hour as a time when the entire membership of the Woman's Missionary Society, as far as practicable, shall unite in prayer for increase of faith, love, laborers, and offerings, and above all, for the bestowal of that gift whereby the workers at home and in foreign fields may be consecrated, without reserve, to the work of the Lord.

2. That we ask the Board to appoint a time when offerings of self-denial and thanksgiving shall be made, and recommend the week in November including Thanksgiving-day. We also recommend that a programme of religious services for the week be prepared and widely distributed.

To insure the observance of the daily concert of prayer and the time for the ingathering of offerings, we pledge ourselves to keep the subject before the Auxiliaries within the bounds of our respective Conferences.

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT,
MRS. S. S. PARK.

The hours for daily exercises were fixed as follows: Devotional services, 9-9:30 A.M.; business sessions, 9:30-12:30; evening meetings, 8 P.M.

Miss Gibson moved that the Board hold an executive session on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, to consider the questions referred to the body by the Local Board. Carried.

Mrs. Park offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That in view of the close relation sustained to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society by Miss Mary Helm, as assistant to the Corresponding Secretary, she be entitled to, and is hereby given, a voice in the proceedings of the Board.

MRS. S. S. PARK,
MRS. L. W. PLUMMER."

The Secretary read a note from Rev. G. W. F. Price, President, extending to the Board, in behalf of the teachers and pupils of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, a pressing invitation to attend the regular monthly meeting of the College Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, to be held in the college chapel Saturday, May 5, at 8 P.M. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Park moved that the place of holding the next annual meeting be voted for in open session, in lieu of reference to a committee. Carried.

Papers were referred to committees, and announcements of meetings were made.

Rev. W. A. Candler, Assistant Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, was introduced by Mrs. McHenry, and made a few felicitous remarks. The Chair stated that out of the fifteen hundred dollars raised for the Woman's Missionary Society by the McKendree Auxiliary this year two hundred and eighty-four dollars was a gift to the Society

from Rev. W. A. Candler, and expressed the thanks of the Board for the rich gift. Rev. T. F. Finney, of Missouri; Rev. G. Y. Dimon, of Alabama; Rev. G. W. Walker and Rev. W. C. Dunlap, of Paine Institute, were introduced, and made brief remarks.

A service of worship filled the remainder of the morning session. Mrs. Trueheart requested prayer for the Kentucky Conference Society, so sorely bereaved in the death of its gifted and beloved President, Mrs. Joseph Swigert, who, in fullness of life and beauty, had been present at the last meeting of the Board, and whose loss to the Conference Society over which she presided can not be measured. Loving tributes were paid to the memory of Mrs. Swigert by Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Dowdell, and Miss Gibson.

By request, Rev. W. C. Dunlap sung a beautiful hymn entitled "Companionship with Jesus." He also rendered with fine effect the solo of "Who are these in bright array?" to which the congregation sung the chorus.

A season of prayer followed, and at half-past twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned, with the doxology and benediction by Rev. W. A. Candler.

SECOND DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions convened in McKendree Church Saturday, May 6, at 9 A.M. The Vice-president, Mrs. Wightman, conducted the devotional exercises, after which the meeting was called to order by the President.

After roll-call, the minutes of the previous session were read, amended, and approved.

Miss Louise McHenry was introduced as page. Miss Kate Warren, from the Indian Territory, was also greeted with pleasure.

The reports of standing committees were called for. Report No. 1 of Committee on Publication was presented by the chairman, Miss Lida Moore, and read by items. Various amendments were made, and the report, as amended, was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. McGavock offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Editor of Leaflets be requested to prepare the programme leaflet for the week of prayer and self-denial, and to send it to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries with the September leaflets."

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work was read by Mrs. D. H. McGavock, chairman.

Previous to action on the appropriations for the Indian Mission, Bishop Galloway was introduced, and spoke of the work in that field and its growing possibilities. The enthusiasm of the Bishop enkin-

dled desire for greater conquests for Christ among the "red men," from whom so much has been taken and to whom so little has been given.

Letters from Miss Arrington, of Pawhuska, I. T., were read and heard with pleasure.

Resolutions offered by the committee relative to the Indian Mission were approved, and the appropriations recommended by the committee were accepted.

Mrs. F. E. Howell offered a resolution, as follows:

"Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the remarks of Bishop Galloway regarding the mission-work in the Indian Territory, and especially in Harrell Institute, and we hope that his statements may cause the Woman's Board of Missions to enlarge its efforts and extend its work in that field.

MRS. F. E. HOWELL,

MRS. S. V. GRIFFIS."

Mrs. Park moved that the Recording Secretary be instructed to invite Rev. A. H. Sutherland, missionary at Monterey, Mexico, to be present when Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension of Work shall be brought before the Board, and that he be requested to speak on the Mexican Border Mission work. Adopted.

The appropriations for China were read. The appropriation for the establishment of a home at Kading for resident missionaries was made contingent, because the committee deemed it best to defer decisive action until after the return of Dr. Allen to China, that he, with Miss Rankin, might survey the field and estimate the cost. Great interest in the proposed Kading Home was manifested by the members of the Board. A communication from Kansas City was read, offering the suggestion that it be called the "Lochie Rankin Home." Mrs. Hayes at once claimed for Miss Wilkins, of Baltimore, Md., the munificent patron of Louise Home at Nantziang, the privilege of a share in the building of the home at Kading. Mrs. Ray, of Holston Conference Society, entered her claim on behalf of Asheville, N. C. Miss Bradford, of the Memphis Conference Society, begged leave to remind the Board that her Conference, which had the honor of claiming the Misses Rankin as its own, must not be excluded from the privilege of contributing to the proposed home. Other members spoke in the same strain, showing the deep hold that the pioneer missionary of the Board and her work has on the hearts of its members.

Resolutions relative to the adjustments of the work of the Board in China were presented by the Committee on Extension of Work. By request, Dr. Allen spoke on the resolutions.

The appropriations for China and resolutions thereto were approved, and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work was adopted as a whole.

A communication addressed to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary, from the Business Committee of the General Missionary Conference to be held in London, England, June 9-19, 1888, was read. It contained a request for the appointment of one or more delegates to represent the Woman's Board of Missions at that meeting.

On motion of Mrs. McGavock, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President of the Board, was elected. Mrs. Hayes expressed her pleasure and desire to go, but feared that she could not undertake so long a journey alone. Dr. Young J. Allen, who, with Bishop Wilson, would represent the Board of Missions at that Conference, was also elected, and requested to represent the Woman's Board in the event that Mrs. Hayes could not go. Dr. Allen, who was present, said that it would give him pleasure to represent the Board, but if Mrs. Hayes would consent to attend, he would be most happy to take her under his special care on the voyage. The Committee on Extension of Work was instructed to make an appropriation for the expenses of Mrs. Hayes as delegate.

An extract from a communication from the committee having charge of the General Missionary Conference, "to the European, American, and native missionaries of all Protestant Churches laboring for the salvation of the heathen in all parts of the habitable world," was read. It requested missionaries "to unite with brethren of other denominations, if there be any within reach, or in solitary stations with native converts, in daily prayer from Sunday, June 3, to Tuesday, June 19, for a pentecostal blessing on the Missionary Conference."

The Corresponding Secretary stated that the above request was forwarded to every missionary center of the Woman's Board of Missions in March, 1888.

Mrs. Park, of the Texas Conference Society, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

"Whereas the Woman's Board of Missions has in the past given grateful expression for valuable services rendered by missionaries *not* in the employ of the Board, and who received no compensation for the same, therefore,

"1. *Resolved*, That in consideration of the great help Dr. Young J. Allen has been to the work of the Woman's Board of Missions in China, and in return for his care of and kindness to our missionaries, this Board tender him some token of its grateful appreciation.

"2. That this resolution be referred to the Committee on Extension of Work for proper action in the matter.

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, and others."

The last half-hour of the session was devoted to the introduction of visitors and resident workers, and the meeting adjourned, with the doxology and benediction by Rev. J. F. Hughes, to meet at 3 P.M. in executive session.

The executive session was held at the appointed time and place, and adjourned at 6 P.M., to meet on Monday, May 7, at three o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

On Monday, May 7, 1888, the Woman's Board of Missions met at nine o'clock in McKendree Church, Mrs. Juliana Hayes in the chair. The opening exercises were conducted by Miss Rebecca Toland, missionary of the Board at Laredo, who read as a Scripture lesson 1 John iii.

After a profitable season of worship, the business of the day was called up. Thirty-three members were present at roll-call.

The minutes of the second day were read and approved.

Miss Richardson was introduced as page.

Rev. A. H. Sutherland, missionary in Mexican Border, was introduced, and gave a graphic description of the need in Mexico, and of what is being done at Laredo and Saltillo, speaking of the latter place as a great help to Laredo, not only in missionary work, but also as a health-resort, owing to the superior climate. Dr. Sutherland was heard with close attention.

Mrs. Wightman offered the following at the close of his address, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

"*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the presence of Rev. A. H. Sutherland and the helpful, suggestive information he has furnished us, and beg him to take home with him assurances of our prayerful and permanent interest in his work. We will be glad to have him convey a like expression of interest to his noble, sweet-voiced wife, his fellow-laborer, who has sung the gospel as he has preached it.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT."

Mrs. Park spoke a few earnest words as to Rev. A. H. Sutherland's helpfulness to the missionaries in the Mexican Border, calling him "the right arm of the Woman's Board of Missions" in that field.

Mrs. Trueheart offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

"Whereas Misses Mason and Holderby, two young ladies of Catlettsburg, Ky., have freely and cheerfully given a year's work to the Laredo Seminary,

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are tendered them, with expression of loving appreciation and the earnest prayer that their hearts may forever incline to work for humanity and the glory of God.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,
MISS LIDA G. MOORE."

The unfinished business of Friday's session was taken up.

The Committee on Extension of Work reported action on the matters referred to it as follows, which report was adopted by a rising vote:

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

In accordance with the action of the Board referred to this committee, to give tangible recognition of the years of unremitting attention freely given by Dr. Allen to the interests of the Woman's Board of Missions in China and his personal care of its representatives,

"1. *Resolved,* That five hundred dollars be tendered Dr. Allen as a token of the appreciation of this Board for his valuable service.

"2. That three hundred dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of Mrs. Hayes to represent the Woman's Board of Missions at the General Missionary Conference, to be held in Exeter Hall, London, June 9-19, 1888."

Two letters were read, written by Miss Haygood, relative to the provision of permanent furniture for the Mission buildings in China.

Specific work in that direction was granted to Conference Societies, as follows:

Tennessee Conference Society, to furnish Louise Home at Nantziang, for Misses Roberts and Reagan, \$200.

Memphis Conference Society, to furnish the home at Kading; also to prepare outfit for the missionary who may be sent to assist Miss Rankin, \$400.

South-west Missouri Conference Society, to furnish the two homes at Soochow for Dr. and Miss Philips, \$400.

North and South Georgia Conference Societies, to furnish the Home and School at Shanghai, as requested by Miss Haygood, \$1,000.

A memorial to the Board from its missionaries in China, appealing for further re-enforcements, was read by the Secretary. (As the memorial appears in the Corresponding Secretary's Report, page 17, it is omitted here.—RECORDING SECRETARY.)

Very interesting letters, addressed by Misses Roberts, Reagan,

Lipscomb, Gordon, and Haygood to the Board in annual session, were read by the Secretary. Letters to the Corresponding Secretary from Miss Rankin and Mrs. Campbell were heard with gratification. Extracts from a letter written by Dr. McLeod concerning the health of Miss Haygood were listened to with interest. At the request of the President, the Board spent a few moments in silent prayer that the blessing of restored health may be granted to Miss Haygood.

Mrs. Trueheart presented the following :

"1. *Resolved*, That the Board send expression of kind remembrances and high appreciation to its missionaries in China by Mrs. A. W. Wilson, who may soon visit that country.

"2. That Mrs. Wilson be requested to report to this body, on her return, the results of her observations in her visits to the stations where the work of the Woman's Board of Missions is located.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,

MRS. J. B. COBB."

Mrs. McHenry stated that the Woman's Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church had invited this Board to send a fraternal delegate to its annual meeting to be held in Clinton, Mo., in May. Mrs. F. H. Montague was appointed to convey fraternal greetings to that body.

The question of issuing life-membership certificates was entertained, and resolutions pertaining thereto were presented. In lieu of other action, the movers accepted the following substitute, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That a form of certificate of life-membership in the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be prepared in such manner that it may also be used for honorary life-members and patrons; the same to be furnished Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies on application, and to be paid for (at the rate of forty cents each) by the respective secretaries ordering said certificates.

MRS. J. B. COBB,

MISS M. L. GIBSON."

Mrs. Park moved to reconsider the action of the Board on Saturday, fixing the executive session at 3 P.M., in order that the committees might meet in the afternoon, and thus avoid delay in the business of the session. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Humbert, the executive session was appointed for Tuesday at 3 P.M.

Mrs. Bumpass offered a resolution concerning the publication of a juvenile paper.

Miss Helm spoke on the subject, stating difficulties in the way of establishing it. The cost of publication was the chief item under discussion. Pending action, the hour for adjournment arrived, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Publication.

Announcements of committees were made, and the meeting adjourned, with doxology and benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

At 9 A.M. on Tuesday, May 8, 1888, the Woman's Board of Missions met in McKendree Church for business.

Mrs. Bishop Wilson led the devotional exercises, and her clear exposition of John xv., as she dwelt on the close connection between the vine and the branches, gave new light on the passages read.

At the close of the half-hour of worship, the roll was called and business begun.

The minutes of Monday's session were read and approved. Miss Keith was introduced as page.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension of Work was presented by its chairman, Mrs. D. H. McGavock.

Appropriations for the Mexican Border work were first considered. After a letter from Miss N. Holding, Superintendent, had been read, Mrs. Park, in the name of Miss Holding, asked that the appropriation of six hundred dollars, recommended by the committee, be advanced merely as a loan to meet the present needs, as it is her desire that the Hall of Faith, lately dedicated, be paid for by voluntary gifts alone. An appeal from Mrs. Park to the Corresponding Secretaries to help Miss Holding to realize that desire met with an enthusiastic response in the following pledges for Conference Societies:

North Alabama.....	\$150	Holston.....	\$100
North Carolina.....	100	Louisville.....	100
Florida	50	East Texas.....	100
Virginia.....	100	North Mississippi.....	100
North Georgia.....	100	Memphis.....	100
North-west Texas.....	100	Tennessee	100
Kentucky.....	100	South Carolina.....	50
Western Virginia.....	200		

A total of \$1,500 being pledged to the Laredo building fund.

In addition, specific work in connection with the Mexican Border was taken by Conference Societies as follows:

Kentucky, to furnish new building at Laredo.....	\$300
Texas, to fence around new lots at Laredo	250
Alabama, piano for Saltillo.....	500
North Carolina, small organ for Saltillo.	

Mrs. Park expressed her gratitude for the generous response to her appeal; also for the numerous boxes of clothing received from the various Conference Societies during the year.

The appropriations to Mexican Border, as recommended by the committee, were approved.

The South Georgia Conference Society, through Mrs. Cobb, Corresponding Secretary, asked the privilege of sending two hundred dollars to a private school in Durango, Mexico, partly supported by Rev. Robert MacDonnell.

As the Board was not ready to undertake work in Durango, and as such permission would be in violation of a rule of the Board not to appropriate funds to any school not under the management of the Board, consent could not be granted.

The work in Brazil was next considered, and the appropriations for that field were read.

Letters from Miss Watts, of Piracicaba, and Misses Bruce and Jones, of Rio de Janeiro, were listened to with interest. Mrs. Hayes spoke of Miss Watts and the substantial, well-founded work she had established in Piracicaba.

The appropriations for Brazil were accepted, and the report, as a whole, was adopted.

On the completion of the report, Mrs. Cunnyingham offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, That we, as a Board, tender thanks to Rev. Geo. W. F. Price, President, and to the Board of Trustees of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, for their courtesy and kindness in conferring the degree of M.A. upon Miss Mary Bruce, missionary of the Woman's Board of Missions in Brazil.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYINGHAM,

MRS. F. H. MONTAGUE,

MRS. ADAM HENDRIX, and others."

Mrs. F. A. Butler presented her annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

Mrs. F. A. Butler, in account with the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

Dr.	
To balance on hand, June 1, 1887.....	\$1,162 49
Amount received from subscriptions from June 1, 1887, to May 1, 1888.....	4,014 38— \$5,176 87
Cr.	
By amount paid out per vouchers.....	3,045 65
Balance on hand May 1, 1888.....	\$2,131 22

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Editor and Agent.*

The report of J. D. Hamilton, Auditor, was also read.

To the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

I have examined the books of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent, and find them correct, with proper vouchers on hand for all payments made since last report. Respectfully,

J. D. HAMILTON, Auditor.

On motion of Mrs. Park, the Board made the selection of the place of holding the eleventh annual meeting the order of the day for Wednesday at 10 A.M.

Previous to adjournment, Mrs. Cobb stated that Dr. Young J. Allen desired the privilege of addressing the Board for a few minutes. The President voiced the sentiment of the Board in expressing her pleasure in granting the request. Thereupon Dr. Allen, holding in his hand the communication just received from the Secretary informing him of the resolutions and action of the Board, spoke earnest thanks to the Board for courtesies and repeated kindnesses since his home-coming, and especially for the evidences of appreciation tendered him by the Board in annual session.

On motion of Mrs. Wightman, business was laid aside for the moment, while the members came forward and took Dr. Allen by the hand in cordial grasp, as a token of the love and esteem in which he is held as superintendent of the work of the Woman's Board of Missions in China.

Announcements of committees were made, and after singing the doxology, the meeting adjourned.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met in executive session Tuesday, May 8, at 3 P.M., and adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

FIFTH DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions convened in McKendree Church at nine o'clock, Mrs. Hayes presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Marshall, of Arkansas.

At roll-call, the Secretary made mention of the absence of Mrs. Dowdell, called home suddenly by family affliction, and gave her farewell messages to the Board.

The minutes of the fourth day were read and approved. The Corresponding Secretary stated the lack of ordinary conveniences at Harrell Institute, and asked that an appropriation be granted to supply the deficiencies (window-shutters, etc.). An appropriation of \$250 was granted; also \$50 contingent. The amount was pledged by the following Conference Societies: North Texas, \$50; Little Rock, \$50; Louisville, \$50; Holston, \$100; St. Louis, \$50; Arkansas, \$25.

Mrs. Wightman offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That an appropriation be made sufficient to cover the traveling expenses of Miss A. V. Wilson in attending the meeting of the Board.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART."

At 10 A.M. the order of the day was called up, and the following cities were placed in nomination: Little Rock, Ark.; Asheville, N. C.; Nashville, Tenn.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Dallas, Texas; Shreveport, La.; St. Louis, Mo.

Little Rock was made the unanimous choice of the Board, and thanks returned to the other cities for courtesies tendered.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates, through Mrs. M. D. Wightman, chairman, presented its report, which was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Mrs. J. C. Barclay, in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. E. C. Dowdell. (See report.) It was read item by item, and adopted.

Mrs. Trueheart offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"Whereas urgent appeals for helpers have been sent to this Board by its workers in foreign fields,

"*Resolved*, That whenever candidates for medical training or missionary work offer their services to the Board, they be accepted without unnecessary delay, in view of the great need everywhere, but especially at Kading, China, as assistant to Miss Lochie Rankin.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,
MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM."

Miss Lida G. Moore, chairman, read Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publication. (See report at close of minutes.) Adopted.

The standing committees were re-elected, as follows:

Committee for Examination of Missionary Candidates.—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. D. H. McGavock.

Publishing Committee.—Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham.

Treasurer of Memorial Fund.—Miss M. Baker.

Mrs. Ray, of Holston Conference, offered helpful suggestions as to gathering in membership fees and missionary funds.

Miss Laura Bradford offered a resolution, which was adopted unanimously, as follows:

"Whereas permission has been refused the South Georgia Conference Society to take work not in accordance with the plan of this Board; and whereas the South-west Missouri Conference Society has

been supporting a school in Cuantla, Mexico, not under the management of the Woman's Board of Missions, from funds raised within the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the same being in direct violation of Section 10 of the By-laws for Conference Societies; and whereas we believe its example to be detrimental to the success of organized effort; therefore,

"Resolved, That it is the wish of this Board that the South-west Missouri Conference Society desist from such work, and concentrate its efforts to advance the interests controlled by the Woman's Board of Missions.

MISS LAURA BRADFORD,

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART."

The Recording Secretary read the resignation of Miss Jennie Wolfe, for five years a missionary of the Board, who, through physical disability, was compelled to withdraw from active service as a missionary. Recognizing the wisdom of Miss Wolfe's action, in view of her affliction, the Board accepted her resignation.

Withdrawal from one's chosen life-work is always eventful, but there is a peculiar element of sadness in giving up work for the Lord, even when, as in this instance, the cause seems an affliction sent by his hand. Feeling great sympathy for Miss Wolfe, the following resolution, offered by Mrs. Cunningham, was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we do most sincerely sympathize with Miss Wolfe in the physical disability which prevents her being longer employed in the capacity of a missionary, and that we pray for the blessing of God upon her wherever she may go, bidding her Godspeed in every work undertaken in his name."

(Signed by the officers and Managers of the Woman's Board of Missions.)

Mrs. Montague offered a resolution expressing appreciation of the liberal views and religious toleration of the Emperor of Brazil, and asking prayer for his recovery; also that in the event of his death God may avert disaster to missionary work in his empire. It was unanimously adopted.

The question of Juvenile Societies was discussed at length. The prevailing sentiment seemed to be that it is the province of the Woman's Missionary Society to train the children of the Church—the boys for the Parent Board, and the girls for the work of the Woman's Board of Missions. The rights and privileges of Juvenile

Societies were also discussed, but the Board took no action, leaving the matter to the discretion of the Conference Societies.

Miss Helm, on behalf of the Editor of Leaflets and herself, explained the difference in their respective duties in distributing printed matter, and asked that special care be taken in sending for the same hereafter.

Mrs. McGavock read a series of revisals and amendments, which were adopted, as follows:

"Under the head of 'Guide for Missionaries in the Foreign Field,' changes in Sections 5, 7, and 13.

"Under the head of 'Requirements for Missionary Candidates,' to add emphasis to the words 'at least three months before the annual meeting of the Board,' Section 1.

"Section 11 to be changed.

"Sections 13 and 14 to be added.

"Under 'Questions to Missionary Candidates,' Question 2 to be amended, and Question 13 to be inserted, making the present No. 13 Question 14.

"Under 'By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions,' Section 6 to be added."

The full text, as amended, is printed in the Annual Report under the proper heads.

Mrs. McGavock very feelingly expressed her great indebtedness to Miss Mary Helm, her valued assistant, and her appreciation of the loving service and unremitting labor performed by her during a year of peculiarly hard work. When the hitherto tireless pen of the Corresponding Secretary had for a time to be laid aside because of feeble health, her assistant, by ceaseless toil, had, under her guidance, kept up the work in its complications and manifold details.

On motion of Mrs. McGavock, the Board united with the Corresponding Secretary in expressing thanks to Miss Helm. Never were thanks more cordially given or more worthily bestowed.

Mrs. McHenry, chairman of platform courtesies, introduced Rev. W. G. E. Cunyningham, D.D., Sunday-school Editor; Dr. I. G. John, Secretary of the Board of Missions; J. D. Hamilton, Auditor of the Woman's Board of Missions; Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*; and Rev. George C. Needham, of Colorado.

These honored brethren spoke earnest words of cheer and commendation to the workers in council. It was especially pleasant to hear the tribute paid by the editor of the *Nashville Christian Advo-*

cate to the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, a tribute which found echo in the minds of the Board.

Mrs. Wightman offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

"1. *Resolved*, That as far as words can express appreciation of untiring, vigilant, and invaluable service, we tender such to our dear Sister Park, who has brought us, as members of the Board, in debt to her for another year of loving labor in behalf of Laredo Seminary.

"2. That we have greatly enjoyed the presence of Miss Toland, our missionary in Laredo Seminary. We are glad to see her face and hear her words of loving trust and unabated courage, and we assure her of our sympathy and constant prayers.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,

MRS. J. R. HARVEY."

Mrs. Anson West offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That to the kind friends of Nashville we extend warm, sincere thanks for entertainment and many offices of friendship and love. This is the third time the Woman's Board of Missions has tested Nashville hospitality, and never found fuller expression of it than on this occasion. We love these Christian women, and will ever think of them with gratitude, and will ever pray that the blessing of God may abide with them forever.

MRS. ANSON WEST,

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART."

Mrs. Barclay offered a resolution as follows, which was adopted with unanimous consent:

"*Resolved*, That we recognize with pleasure and thanks the services of the young ladies who have acted as pages during our session, and pray that their feet, "so swift to move in this errand of love" for the King's daughters, may be guided into ever-widening paths of service for the King.

MRS. J. C. BARCLAY,

MRS. J. B. CHATFIELD."

Mrs. Trueheart presented the following:

"*Resolved*, That we, as delegates to this annual meeting, are greatly indebted to Mrs. L. W. Plummer, Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Conference Society, for kind attentions. She has left nothing undone to save inconvenience to members of this Board and its guests, meeting in person nearly every train entering Nashville on which delegates were expected. We thank her heartily for her helpfulness and consideration.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,

MRS. JAMES A. PEEBLES."

On motion of Mrs. Montague, the cordial thanks of the Board were tendered the Southern Passenger Association for courtesy in granting commutation of rates to the annual meeting on the railroads under its control.

The President of the Board touched a responsive chord in the hearts of its members as she spoke of the great debt the Woman's Missionary Society owes the honored Bishops of the Church, especially those who have given their daughters to this Board as missionaries.

Miss Ella Granbery was brought to the chancel, that the members of the Board might give her their hands in pledge of affection and promise of prayer. Miss Toland was invited to receive the same tokens; also Misses Mason and Warren. To the regret of all, Miss Augusta Wilson was not present at this parting service.

Mrs. Wightman invoked the gracious benediction of God on these missionaries and helpers.

Miss Toland, who has ever shown her faith by her works, in a few words presented as a gift to the Laredo Building Fund the amount appropriated by the Board to defray her traveling expenses to the annual meeting. [No mean gift—nearly sixty-five dollars. Our missionaries are constantly giving the Church lessons in self-denying labors and offerings.—REC. SEC.]

The minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

The business of the session being completed, the closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Bishop Wilson.

In that prayer the souls of many were lifted above and beyond thought of *self* into communion with the infinite Father unto whom the prayer was made.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love!

was sung, while hand clasped hand in farewell grasp.

The President spoke a few closing words, the doxology was sung, and the Tenth Annual Meeting stood adjourned.

MISS MARIA L. GIBSON, *Rec. Sec.*

MRS. JULIANA HAYES, *President.*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Miss A. V. Wilson, of Charlestown, W. Va., recommended to this committee by the Local Board, is an experienced teacher of high character and attainments. Having served the Board acceptably as a teacher in Harrell Institute, Ind. Ter., for a year, this committee recommends her appointment as a missionary to that field.

2. The testimonials of Miss Kate Warren, of St. Louis, Mo., were considered, and found gratifying. Miss Warren has been helpful at Harrell Institute, Ind. Ter., and feels identified with its interests; therefore, though not accepted as a regular missionary, she is recommended for the position of teacher in Harrell Institute.

3. The papers and testimonials of Miss Ella Granbery, presented by the St. Louis Conference Society, and recommended to this committee by the Local Board, are all that could be desired. The committee recommends her for appointment to the college at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and expresses great satisfaction in so doing, as its members consider her a choice re-enforcement to the faithful workers already there.

4. The committee carefully considered the papers of Miss Emma Mitchell, referred to it by the Local Board, and does not recommend her acceptance as a medical missionary candidate.

Your committee returns this report to you with deep concern. The cry for more laborers which comes from China and Brazil is almost piteous in its urgency; for not only is progress hindered, but the work in hand is threatened unless re-enforcements are sent out. It is not the will of this Board that such a cry shall go unheeded. The appeal is not granted because there are none to send.

The committee would suggest that a call upon our Christian women be made by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, to be published in all our Church papers, and it is our firm belief that they will respond, and give the needed help.

We must trust God in this emergency, and we will.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

1. After examination of the report of the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, we recommend its adoption.

2. Whereas the Editor of Leaflets has done her work faithfully and well, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham be re-elected Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

3. We recommend the publication of the monthly programmes for Adult and Juvenile Societies in their present form, and in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* one month in advance of intended use.

4. We recommend that twelve varieties of leaflets for both Adult and Juvenile Societies be published and issued as heretofore, the number of each variety to be increased to fifteen thousand.

5. We recommend that seven thousand copies of the Tenth Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society be published for distribution, including the minutes of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

6. We recommend that an increased number of the summarized report of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be published in tract form, and that it be freely and widely distributed.

7. We recommend that as many Constitutions, blanks, and slips be printed as the Publishing Committee deem necessary.

8. Whereas we are impressed with the need of more juvenile literature, and feel that a paper will best meet the demand,

Resolved, That we recommend that the Corresponding Secretaries ascertain before the next meeting of the Board how many subscribers can be obtained in all the Conference Societies for a juvenile missionary paper; price, twenty-five cents a year.

9. Whereas the mite-box seems to be growing in favor, and the Treasurer's report indicates that the method is successful,

Resolved, That we recommend the issuing of ten thousand mite-boxes for the coming year.

10. We note with pleasure the increased prosperity of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and the satisfactory management of all its departments; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that Mrs. F. A. Butler be re-elected Editor and Agent.

11. We further recommend that a statement of the financial condition of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* appear monthly on its pages.

MISS LIDA G. MOORE, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—LOCAL EXPENSES.

1. *Resolved*, That \$250 be appropriated for expenses of the President of the Woman's Board of Missions, to be used for the benefit of the work.

2. That \$350 be appropriated for office expenses of the Corresponding Secretary and her assistant.

3. That \$50 be appropriated for office expenses of the Treasurer.

4. That \$700, and \$100 contingent, be allowed for publications ordered by the Woman's Board of Missions, the expenses of mailing or expressing to be met by the Treasurer of the Board.

5. That \$425 be allowed for publishing leaflets, the expense of mailing to be met by the Treasurer of the Board.

6. That \$115 be appropriated for mite-boxes.

7. That a salary of \$100 per month be allowed the Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, said salary to be paid from the receipts of the paper.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following resolutions pertaining to the work in various fields:

After consultation with Dr. Young J. Allen, and a careful consideration of adjustments of the work in China,

1. *Resolved*, That Miss Haygood be relieved of the duty of teaching, and devote her time to the supervision of the growing work in Shanghai in its several departments; also that she remove her residence to the Home and School when it is built, that she may have direct oversight of the high school for girls to be opened there.

That Miss Muse be placed in charge of Trinity Home and Clopton School.

That Mrs. Campbell be in charge of the home on the new premises, and of all work among women.

That Miss Roberts be placed in full charge of the work at Nantziang.

That, while recognizing the fact that the new work opened by Miss Rankin at Kading is out of the regular order—that is, projected in the interim of the annual meeting—it be hereby recognized and indorsed by the Board, and that Miss Rankin be appointed in charge of all work at Kading.

2. *Resolved*, That Dr. Young J. Allen has given entire satisfaction in his management of the work of the Woman's Board in China, and that the Bishop in charge be requested to continue him as the superintendent of this work.

3. Whereas Rev. T. F. Brewer has given entire satisfaction to this Board in the management and conduct of Harrell International Institute, Muscogee, Indian Territory,

1. *Resolved*, That he be re-appointed in charge of that school.

2. That Miss Holding be permitted to extend the work in the Mexican Border field by establishing day-schools without cost to the Board.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Chairman*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1888-9.

CHINA.

Shanghai.

Salary of Miss Haygood.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Muse.....	750	
Salary of Miss Hamilton.....	750	
Salary of Miss Atkinson.....	750	
Salary of Miss Hughes.....	750	
Salary of Mrs. Campbell.....	750	
Salary of Miss Lipscomb *.....		
Extension of work.....	400	
Clopton boarding-school.....	640	
Ten day-schools.....	800	
Incidentals (taxes, repairs, painting).....	600	
To complete building Home and School.....	1,200	
Furnishing the same.....	1,000	
Conveyance for Miss Haygood.....	300—	\$ 9,440 00

Nantziang.

Salary of Miss Roberts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Reagan.....	750	
Boarding-school (Pleasant College).....	864	
Anglo-Chinese High School for boys.....	240	
Extension of work.....	150	
Incidentals.....	150	
To send out a missionary.....	1,350	
Furnishing house.....	200—	4,454 00

Kading.

Salary of Miss Rankin.....	\$ 750	
Day-schools.....	600	
Purchase of ground (contingent).....	160	
To send out a missionary.....	1,350	
Furnishing house.....	200—	3,060 00
Building home in Kading (contingent).....		

Soochow.

Salary of Miss Mildred Philips, M.D.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Lou E. Philips.....	750	
Salary of Miss Kerr.....	750	
Salary of Miss Gordon.....	750	
Boarding-school.....	800	
Day-schools.....	400	
Incidentals.....	100	

* Paid by Dr. Allen out of funds of Anglo-Chinese College, in which Miss Lipscomb is teaching.

Expenses of Dr. Philips's medical work	\$ 560	
Chinese assistant for Dr. Philips.	160	
To pay for ground on which hospital is built.	240	
Cistern and pump.	60	
Putting hospital grounds in order.	60	
Balance due on hospital.	163	
Furnishing two homes.	400—	\$ 5,943_00
Contingent for the Mission.	\$ 840	
Itinerating and office expenses of Superintendent.	100—	940 00
Total to China.		<hr/> \$23,837_00

MEXICAN BORDER.

Laredo.

Salary of Miss N. E. Holding	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Toland.	750	
Salary of Miss Delia Holding	600	
Salary of Assistant Teacher	450	
Salary of Matron.	300	
Expenses of school.	3,350	
Medical attendance.	100	
Repairs on building during the year.	150	
Fencing new blocks and furnishing new building.	500	
Incidentals.	50	
To purchase Spanish Bibles and tracts.	100	
Itinerating expenses of Miss Holding.	100	
Balance on new building (as a loan).	600—	\$ 7,800_00

Saltillo.

Salary of Miss Lelia Roberts.	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Gilbert.	750	
Rent of house.	300	
Furnishing and incidentals.	200—	2,000_00

Total to Mexican Border.	\$ 9,800 00
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BRAZIL.

Piracicaba.

Salary of Miss Watts.	\$ 750	
Salary of Mlle. Rennotte.	750	
Salary of Miss Marvin.	300	
Sending out two missionaries.	2,400	
Building gallery to house.	400	
Conveyance for Miss Watts.	250—	\$ 4,850 00

Rio de Janeiro.

Salary of Miss Bruce.	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Jones	750	
Sending out two missionaries.	2,400	

Building wall around grounds.....	\$ 400
Boys' school (contingent).....	500
Furnishing and incidentals.....	250
Lawyers' fees in purchasing property.....	250—\$ 5,700 00
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Total for Brazil.....	\$10,550 00

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Muscogee.

Salary of Miss A. V. Wilson.....	\$ 600
Salary of matron.....	300
Expenses of Harrell Institute.....	1,000
Enlarging building.....	3,100
Window-shutters to building, \$250; contingent, \$50.....	300
Expenses of Miss Wilson to annual meeting.....	50—\$ 5,350 00

Pawhuska.

Salary of Miss Arrington, teacher.....	\$ 600— 600 00
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Total to Indian Territory.....	\$ 5,950 00

ADDITIONAL.

Expenses of medical students.....	\$1,000
Printing, contingent, and office expenses.....	3,000
Dr. Young J. Allen.....	500
Expenses of delegate to General Missionary Conference, London, England.....	300—\$ 4,800 00
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Grand total.....	\$54,937 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1888-9.

China.....	\$23,837 00
Mexican Border.....	9,800 00
Brazil.....	10,550 00
Indian Territory.....	5,950 00
Medical students.....	1,000 00
Printing, contingent, and office expenses.....	3,000 00
Dr. Young J. Allen.....	500 00
Expenses of delegate to General Missionary Conference, London...	300 00
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Grand total.....	\$54,937 00

VALUE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD
OF MISSIONS IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

China.....	\$ 57,200 00
Mexican Border.....	35,000 00
Brazil.....	45,800 00
Indian Territory.....	15,500 00
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Total.....	\$153,500 00

Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since it Was Organized.

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MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

MISSIONARIES.	APPOINTED.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Miss Lochie Rankin.	1878.	Milan, Tenn.	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Dora Rankin.	1879.	Milan, Tenn.	Died December 10, 1886.
Miss Mattie H. Watts.	1881.	Louisville, Ky.	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Annie Williams.	1881.	Georgetown, Texas.	Married.
Miss Rebecca Toland.	1881.	Chappell Hill, Texas.	Laredo, Texas.
Miss Anna J. Muse.	1882.	Atlanta, Ga.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Blanche Gilbert.	1882.	Roanoke, Va.	Laredo, Texas.
Mrs. Sarah Buford.	1882.	Georgetown, Texas.	Resigned.
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth.	.....	China.	Resigned.
Miss Nora Lambuth.	.....	China.	Resigned.
Mrs. A. P. Parker.	.....	China.	Soochow, China.
Miss Mattie B. Jones.	1883.	Norcross, Ga.	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Nannie E. Holding.	1883.	Somerset, Ky.	Laredo, Texas.
Miss Jennie C. Wolfe.	1883.	Pensacola, Fla.	Resigned.
Miss Laura A. Haygood.	1884.	Atlanta, Ga.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Dona Hamilton.	1884.	Paris, Texas.	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.	1884.	Rock Mills, Ala.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.	1884.	California, Mo.	Soochow, China.
Miss Lou E. Phillips.	1884.	California, Mo.	Soochow, China.
Miss Mary W. Bruce.	1884.	Plattsburg, Mo.	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Emma E. Kerr.	1887.	Brownsville, Tenn.	Shanghai, China.
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.	1887.	Los Angeles, Cal.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Kate R. Roberts.	1887.	Nashville, Tenn.	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Addie F. Gordon.	1887.	Port Gibson, Miss.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Bettie Hughes.	1887.	Meridian, Miss.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb.	1887.	Columbas, Miss.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Ada Reagan.	1887.	Nashville, Tenn.	Shanghai, China.
Miss Lelia Roberts.	1887.	Palo Pinto, Texas.	Saltillo, Mexico.
Miss Marcia Marvin (matron).	1887.	St. Louis, Mo.	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Augusta V. Wilson.	1888.	Charlestown, W. Va.	Harrell Institute, Muscogee, I. T.
Miss Ella Granbery.	1888.	St. Louis, Mo.	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.

CONSTITUTION. BY-LAWS, ETC.

Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to enlist and unite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in heathen lands, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing Societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Missions"—all these to be constituted as directed hereafter.

ART. IV. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Parent Board of Missions, and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent through the Treasurer of the Parent Board without delay, in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. V. The Board shall consist of a President, a Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six Managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries or alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretary of the Board of Missions shall be an honorary member of the Woman's Board.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the Missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting.

ART. VII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership fees, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. VIII. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all drafts on the treasury. In her absence the Vice-president shall preside, and in the absence of both a chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. IX. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, attend to all legal business, prepare the Annual Report, and publish quarterly a statement of the condition of the work. The Corresponding Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. X. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which

deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish annual and quarterly reports, to be published with those of the Corresponding Secretary. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XII. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. XIII. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill said vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XIV. Three of the six Managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the eastern, the southern, and the western sections of the home field.

By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

6. If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, to change the place selected to hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

RULES OF ORDER.

(a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

(b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.

(d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Missions.

1. Roll-call.

2. Reading minutes of opening session.

3. Report of Local Board.

4. Announcement of standing committees.

5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committees.

6. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Regular Daily Sessions.

1. Roll-call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

Conference Societies.

A Conference Society shall be formed by the election of a President, Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. If the reserve elect can not attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. The annual meetings of the Conference Societies shall be held as soon as practicable *after* (in no case prior to) the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice-president) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with the Auxiliaries, and supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of Auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each Auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 30th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the

expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting quarterly, wherever practicable. The District Secretary shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission-fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life-members, honorary life-members, and life-patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women may form an Auxiliary to the Conference Society, in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these officers constituting a local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions until Conference Societies are formed in the Conference wherein they are located.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a chairman and Secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members.

The chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers. When the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for Auxiliaries should then be read and

adopted. The time for holding the monthly meeting may be determined, and subscribers obtained to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The following Constitution and By-laws are printed for information and use in the organization of Auxiliaries:

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission-fields, and to raise funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar a year, or ten cents a month, may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life-member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be the first regular meeting after that of the Conference Society. At this annual meeting the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and officers for the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot before the annual meeting.

ART. 5. The Constitution and By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members, notice having been previously given.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December,

and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of this Society.

8. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her Society, its workers, the missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) Report of Treasurer; (5) Report of Literary Committee; (6) Miscellaneous business; (7) Report of what each member has done for the Society during the month; (8) Adjournment.

Young People's and Juvenile Societies.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, increase contributions, cultivate piety, systematic giving, and increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. A Lady Manager shall be elected by the Society to superintend its interests.

ART. 5. Every member of the Society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the Society by the payment of five dollars, or a life-member by the payment of ten dollars.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

A Guide for Missionaries in Foreign Fields.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall work under the advice and approval of this Board, and in harmony with the general plan of work of the mission.

2. They will be expected to give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as an ample salary to meet their temporal necessities will be paid them by the Board.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports of their work to the Corresponding Secretary of this Board.

4. Before sending annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Board must have a meeting held in the interests of the work. The minutes of the meeting, including reports, plans, and estimates, must be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. All the representatives of the Board are expected to attend this meeting for the purpose of consultation as to methods of work in their several departments.

5. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to them officially by the Corresponding Secretary of this Board.

6. They shall report all donations received for their work in their annual reports.

7. They shall not involve the Society in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Medical missionaries shall keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements in their profession. Such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in their work. The medical outfit and appliances shall be the property of the Woman's Board.

9. If any missionary, accepted or in the employ of the Woman's Board, evinces unfitness for the work, she can be recalled at any time, and the agreement between the Board and the party revoked, three months' notice being given. The travel to the United States will be paid by the Board, provided the missionary returns within the time specified.

10. If it becomes necessary for any missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board to return home temporarily because of failing health, she must bring a certificate to that effect from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission. The Board, in such cases, agrees to meet the expenses of her passage to the United States of America and pay her half salary for one year, provided she is in accord with the Woman's Board of Missions.

11. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home, from any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board.

12. It is expected that every returned missionary will be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival in the United States of America. Her expenses to and from the place of annual meeting will be paid by the Woman's Board of Missions.

13. Missionaries are instructed not to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in the support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Woman's Board, and such appeals must be made through the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. And in no case can new work be opened without the consent of the Board.

14. Every lady having charge of work is authorized to manage it in her own way, and to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings and to secure good results, provided always that her plans meet the approval of the Woman's Board of Missions.

15. Every lady in the employ of the Woman's Board is expected to accept the above conditions.

Requirements of Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented through the Conference Corresponding Secretary to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board *at least three months before the annual meeting of this Board*, that there may be time for thorough examination and further correspondence, if necessary.

2. A missionary candidate must believe that she is especially called to the work of a foreign missionary, and affirm that her only desire and purpose in offering herself is to serve God and act in accordance with his will.

3. She must show her capabilities for foreign service by some experience gained at home in teaching or Christian work.

4. She must have executive ability, and the faculty of adapting herself to surroundings.

5. The age of a candidate must not come under twenty-two nor go over thirty-five, unless she has superior qualifications and circumstances justify a deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

6. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head.

7. In certifying her intention to devote the efficient years of her life to the work of the Woman's Board of Missions she must sign a pledge to the effect that if for any reason save that of ill health she leaves the service of the Woman's Board of Missions before the expiration of five years, she is to refund to the Board the amount of her outfit and travel to the field. This does not signify that her obligation to the Board ceases at the close of five years, but that she is bound by agreement for that period of time to refund the amount of her outfit and travel under the above condition.

8. Her preference for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

9. Every candidate is required to come either before the Educational Examining

Committee and the Woman's Board of Missions at a called meeting, or attend the annual meeting of this Board.

10. After a candidate is accepted she must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for a field.

11. The traveling expenses of a missionary candidate are paid from her home to the mission-field; \$200 is granted for her personal outfit; and \$100 for furnishing the home (provided it has not been previously furnished), all such furniture to be the property of the Woman's Board. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor.

12. Every candidate is required to answer the questions prepared for missionary candidates.

13. Every missionary candidate is required to sign and get two other responsible signatures to the following *pledge*:

"I herewith pledge myself to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board of Missions, and if I voluntarily leave the service of the Board for any other reason than that of ill-health, within five years of my arrival on the field to which I am appointed, I pledge myself to refund to the Board the sum expended for my outfit and travel. I also promise to give the Board six months notice of any change in my relationship to it."

14. The testimonials of a missionary candidate must cover the following grounds: An inward impelling desire to do the work of a foreign missionary; religious experience and capabilities of work; educational qualifications; executive ability; and health. To meet these requirements the candidate is expected to answer candidly the questions following, and furnish the certificate of health:

Questions to Missionary Candidates.

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you work of a foreign missionary?
2. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South? and how long have you been a member?
3. Is it your intention to make this your life-work?
4. Are you willing to go to any field?
5. Have you any experience in Christian work?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. Have you studied any ancient or modern language? and do you acquire such with ease?
8. Have you taught school, and with what success?
9. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health? and are you predisposed to any hereditary disease?
11. What is your age?
12. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
13. Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies? Were you refused, and for what cause?
14. Will you answer directly, and by testimonial where necessary, each of the above questions?

Certificate of Health.

Questions to be answered by the Examining Physician.

[It is not necessary that every question be answered favorably to receive an appointment.]

1. How long have you known this lady?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
2. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood? (b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature? how long since? and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
7. (a) Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters, ever had mental derangement, pulmonary complaint, scrofula, or other serious disease tending to shorten life? (b) Does she exhibit any tendency to these diseases?
8. Is she subject to heart-disease, or diseases peculiar to women?
9. Are her eyes in a healthy condition? and would they be liable, so far as can be seen, to any affection incident to change of climate?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
11. Is her constitution strong and vigorous at this time?
12. (a) What climate would be most suitable to her constitution? (b) Would a tropical climate in her case especially induce liver-disease?

[Physician's signature.]

[Questions to be copied, and answers opposite each question.]

For further information, see "Manual for Missionary Candidates."

Examination of Missionary Candidates.

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to examine missionary candidates as to educational qualifications, prior to their commendation for appointment by the Woman's Board of Missions; said committee to be composed of at least two experienced teachers and the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions. (Passed June, 1885.)

Relating to Scholarships.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the Conference Societies instruct the Conference Treasurer to hold in trust collections for scholarships, until the full amount shall be raised, and send to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions in one remittance annually.

Resolved, That the scholarships taken in boarding-schools in China or elsewhere shall be named as directed by the individuals or Societies contributing the money, such scholarships to be held in the schools without reference to particular pupils; also that an annual report of *the school* be made to the patrons by the person in charge.

Resolved, That individuals or Societies holding scholarships in schools in the

foreign fields should communicate their wishes with regard to such scholarships annually to the teacher in charge of the school, so that confusion may be avoided should the patrons desire to discontinue their support.

Resolved, That no scholarship shall be accepted for a less time than five years.

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